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#### SHORTWAVE AIRINGS OF WORLD OF RADIO 1580, September 1-7, 2011

Thu 0330	WRMI	9955	[1579 repeated this week]
Thu 1500	WRMI	9955	
Thu 2100	WRMI	9955	[confirmed, not jammed]
Thu 2100	WTWW	9479	[confirmed]
Thu 2130	WBCQ	7415	
Fri 0330	WWRB	5051	[confirmed; to move to 3195??]
Fri 0500	WRMI	9955	
Fri 1430	WRMI	9955	
Sat 0800	WRMI	9955	
Sat 1500	WRMI	9955	
Sat 1730	WRMI	9955	
Sun 0400	WTWW	5755	
Sun 0800	WRMI	9955	
Sun 1530	WRMI	9955	
Sun 1730	WRMI	9955	
Mon 0300v	WBCQ	5110v	-CUSB
Mon 1130	WRMI	9955	
Mon 1530	WRMI	9955	
Mon 2130	WRMI	9955	
Tue 1530	WRMI	9955	
Wed 1530	WRMI	9955	

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<http://www.wrn.org/listeners/world-of-radio/rss/09:00:00UTC/English/541>

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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dxld/>

\*\* AFGHANISTAN. 6102, Radio Afghanistan, Kabul. English on 9/8 with news from 1531. Better signal on 17/8 at 1556 during the ID: îDear listeners that was the program for tonight, goodbyeî, next some part of song and at 1601 ID îYe Afghanistanî followed by news in Urdu (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF-2001, 16m Marconi antenna), Sept Australian DX News via DXLD)

R. Afghanistan: Carrier detectable at 1610 August 25 on 6102, faded up enough by 1620 to detect local music. Better reception, though still weak signal, on Global Tuners Cumbria receiver at the same time due to much lower local noise level (Mike Barraclough, England, Sept World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

Radio Afghanistan Photos

<http://rta.org.af/images/atomicongallery/RTA/DSC00014.JPG>

<http://rta.org.af/images/atomicongallery/RTA/DSC00015.JPG>

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Inauguration pics :

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(via Alokesh Gupta, VU3BSE, New Delhi, Aug 30, dxldyg via DXLD)

Sorry about that, no Arabic script in DXLD, replaced by ??? when copied from dxldyg. However, you can still click on and reach the second set of images by first clicking on the fourth item on this page <http://rta.org.af/images/atomicongallery/> which will appear as garble without Arabic/Pashto/Dari script enablement. Inauguration pix are mostly unID males standing around, no females! First set are buildings and antennas (gh, DXLD)

\*\* ALASKA [and non]. 9920, KNLS Anchor Point, 1110 Chinese; Ballad & W announcer with URL & talk; battling for dominance with co-channel FEBC Bocaue featuring M announcer with lengthy talk in unID language; fair with constant "siren" effect heard throughout; 8/23 (Scott R. Barbour Jr. Intervale, N.H. USA, NRD-45, MLB-1, 200' Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Christians vs Christians, yet another example of KNLS' abysmal frequency management. Will they do any better via Madagascar? (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

An interesting note, on KNLS -- I've actually never ID'd them here. Anchor Point is perhaps a 2 hour drive SW of here, but I've never verified them. I don't know what they're using as an antenna setup, but I do know I'm always on the backside of where their broadcasts are beamed, to E. Asia and Central/East Russia. Also, their scheduled broadcasts are usually on when I'm sleeping or at work (especially English). I think I may have heard a broadcast or two in Chinese or Russian, but it has never been good, nor have I caught an ID. If I have heard KNLS before, the Eastern Asian broadcasts from other locales, and even broadcasts from S. America have all been better quality. I plan to catch KNLS someday though, just might take some effort on my part (Daniel, Anchorage, Aug 31, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

You are certainly in the skip zone, too close. Being directly off the back isn't necessarily a bad thing, as most antennas have a back lobe and lesser side lobes. You might have better luck if and when they are on 6 MHz in the winter (smaller skip zone), and at any time there might be backscatter on higher frequencies, preferably after sunrise. Unfortunately, KNLS does not broadcast in the local evenings when there is a higher MUF toward Asia and reception there would be in the morning or local afternoon (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* ALBANIA [and non]. 7465 last heard on August 9 at 2000 in English. On August 15 I found Radio Tirana on 6005 at 1812 with the German service via Radio 700 which usually has pop music at this time (Edwin Southwell, England, August 16, Sept World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

Radio Tirana German service noted opening at 1800 on 6005 August 29. Radio 700 heard with pop music at 1748 tune in and a news bulletin in German at 1755 (Mike Barracrough, England, Sept World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

What's up with R. Tirana? Hi Glenn, I wonder if you know anything about what's happening at R. Tirana. For most of the summer, I have actually had somewhat reasonable reception, at 2300 [in Albanian], usually 9860 is best, sometimes 7425 better, but, each one, at least audible, and usable when we don't have regional thunderstorms.

Since I lost my broadband, I have been taping some of R. Tirana for Carrie. About the same time you announced that one of their xmtr's was out of service, I have found that, in fact, I can't find them on either frequency. Can't even detect a carrier, not even with BFO on. Any ideas? I wish R. Tirana could relay via one of the now less-used xmtr's in Germany, England, or the Caribbean. I suppose their biggest problem would be finding hard currency (not Leks) to pay for it. Any thoughts? 73, (Tim Hendel, Huntsville AL, Aug 31, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Details below. I can't imagine them employing an external relay site (gh, DXLD)

R. Tirana now appears to be completely off the air. One of the two Shijak transmitters had been down since the end of July, meaning e.g. the 1430-1500 English to NAM was missing from 13625 (and still silent Aug 26), but the evening broadcasts were still heard on 7425. Now, Aug 26 at 0257 I heard nothing there (tho it might have just signed off), so checked again at 0330 for the final repeat and 7425 was still missing. Wolfgang B, schel noted earlier on August 25 he was not hearing any Tirana transmissions. Let's hope they can soon fix whatever the problem is! (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Both English channels were OFF air yesterday Aug 24 at 2000 UT. Paul Gager from Austria unaccounted German services on SW Shijak as well as MW Fllake 1458 kHz outlet since July 27. No outlets today Aug 26, as well as yesterday Aug 25 (Wolfgang Buschel, Aug 24-26, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 27 via WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DXLD)

R. Tirana: No signal on 9860 or 7425 at 0020 UT Aug 27. No signal on 7425 at 0333 either (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Dear Glenn, On August 27th I heard Radio Tirana in German at 1800 UT on 6005 kHz. I suppose this is a relay from Classic Broadcast in Kall, Germany. Good reception in Sweden. Kind regards (Christer Brunstr m, Sweden, WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I am hearing ``Gypsy Lover`` song now at 1850 UT, as webcast is running. Perhaps the Mon-Sat English broadcasts are still on there? <http://radiotirana.funkhaus.info:8000/>  
(Glenn Hauser, Aug 28, WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Since R. Tirana has been missing from both frequencies, I brought up the unofficial webcast <http://radiotirana.funkhaus.info:8000/> at 1428 August 29, to see if the weekday English broadcast at 1430, missing for a month from 13625, and still absent at 1442 check today, would at least be on the webcast? No, music at first, 1430 Albanian announcements from R. Tirana in 'Kalendar' feature, then alternating pop music and brief talk segments in Albanian.

So are English broadcasts even being produced? If SW remains silent, we need to check the webcast Mon-Sat also at 1845, 2000, UT Tue-Sun 0030, 0145, 0230 and 0330. The later segments to North America have also been heard previously with additional English repeats in between the SW times. Ramadan is about to end, in case that has something to do with this (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes they are. Radio Tirana's weekend English broadcasts are available via podcasts made by Radio 700 in Germany. The previous week's podcasts have been a bit irregular. The 20th, 23rd and 24th August are silent and the 25th August is all interval signal. It's not unusual for the Radio Tirana webcast to be silent though and Radio 700's webcast recording software sometimes accounts for a silent podcast. The podcasts are available at <http://www.radio700.info/podcasts/en/al/tirana/tirana.php> and judging by the filenames are probably recorded from the 0330-0400 English broadcast which is 0530 in Germany. Regards (Harry Brooks, North East England, UK, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DX LISTENING

DIGEST)

Tirana heard via the web stream in German at 1800, followed by Turkish at 1830 So, I don't think there's a English programme at 1845. Regards (Jean-Michel Aubier, France, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Right you are; Turkish continued on web to 1900. I think there are two different feed lines as the MW site is not // the SW site. Since the unofficial stream was set up by German friends, they are partial to the one containing German.

Re-`tuned in` to stream at 1957, dead air until IS started at 2002:30. `Perfect` reception only reveals the flaws in this old worn-out lo-fi and distorted recording. I kept listening to it until 2013 stepped out to be sure 13735 was still off the air; it was, and couldn't hear it way out here on // 7465 if it were on. Back to the stream just in time to hear theme at 2015 and opening in Serbian! So this is still the feed to MW 1458 FllakË. Maybe after 2030 when there is only one external program at a time, Albanian or English, we will hear those on web? (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

Glenn, the 2000 R. Tirana webcast was not in English - from roughly 2002 to 2015 was just the interval signal. From 2015 to 2030 it sounded like Serbian. I didn't capture the 1845 webcast but will do so tomorrow. I'll check out the webcast at some other times to see if I can find any English (Rich Cuff, PA, 2118 UT Aug 29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Tirana webcast, <http://radiotirana.funkhaus.info:8000/> working but silent at 2254 29 August 2011. Regards (Harry Brooks, North East England UK, ibid.)

Further monitoring of R. Tirana, Monday August 29, on webcast if not SW: No English at 1845, but Turkish continued to 1900. I think there are two different feed lines as the MW site is not // the SW site. Since the unofficial stream was set up by German friends, they are partial to the one containing German (at 1800).

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I left a winamp player running for hours and hours until past 0400, and no audio from R. Tirana ever came back. What a waste. Next check at 1440, webcast had resumed, again in Albanian, not English, and 13625 still off.

However, Harry Brooks in NE England tells the dxld yg that some English broadcasts are still being produced: [as above] (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* ALGERIA [non]. 7295, Aug 30 at 0545, RTA via FRANCE with nice harmonious singing, an Eid celebration? Rather than usual Qur'an, which had resumed a few minutes later (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS. All India Radio [Port Blair] In Trouble: MoS I&B Replies To MP --- Written by Administrator Aug 24, 2011 at 10:51 PM

Port Blair, Aug. 24: The All India Radio, which used to be the most popular media for the islanders, is in trouble with no regular Station Director heading the organization since past three year. The transmission towers have collapsed resulting in poor transmission. Due to this the once most effecting means of media is not able to cover most of the islands in the A&N Group.

Replying to the questions raised by the Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray in the Parliament, the Minister of State for Information & Broadcasting, Dr. S. Jagathrakshakan said that it is due to shortage of staff in Indian Broadcasting (programme) Service, no Station Director has been posted and the charge given to a officer of the Engineering Service. Meanwhile the senior most Programme Executives have been declared as Programme Heads.

The Minister further said that the 100 KW MW transmitters have two master towers, one passive and the other active. The passive mast fell down on 25th April 2008 due to heavy cyclone while the active mast fell on 19th April 2010 while carrying out final adjustments after replacement of guy ropes of the mast. As an alternative arrangement, the service was shifted to an L ariel and the transmission power had to be reduced to 10 KW MW from 100 KW MW.

However said the Minister, the same service on shortwave transmitter was not affected. The erection of the passive mast is likely to be completed by June 2012.

Replying to another question on fencing wall around the transmitter building at Brookshabad, the MoS said that that at present it has

barbed wire fencing and the requirement of a boundary wall is being projected in the 12th Plan (via Alokesh Gupta, Aug 25, dx\_india yg via DXLD)

\*\* ANGOLA. A few recordings on the following, with the date (23Aug'11) & times (subtract 1 h for UT) being indicated on each [deliberately unedited] label: (see attachments)  
2.15 MB clip  
4949.8\_RNAngola, plenty of QRN, but normal modulation/audio this time.  
Antenna used: 270 m/145f Bev.  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dxld/attachments/folder/2074804389/item/list73>, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Attachments like this are available only to members of the dxldyg (gh)

\*\* ANGUILLA [and non]. 11775, Aug 25 at 1142, PMS is back, having been absent 22.4 hours earlier. Why is this so sporadic? Hurricane Irene is well past by now, but I wonder if the newly-refurbished curtain antenna sustained any damage. (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6090, CB missing again, Aug 26 at 0540; however, could hear RHC in English, leapfrog of 6010 over 6050; also when mid-attenuated, but in this case may have been receiver overload more than spurious transmission.

11775, Aug 27 at 1241, PMS is back on, over Cuban nonsensical pulse jamming a semiday out of phase from when it is really 'needed' against R. Martí. Has Anguilla considered economic sanctions or at least diplomatic protests against Cuba for this? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* ANTARCTICA. Another weekly update on LRA36: still missing from 15476, Friday Aug 26 at 1313 check, as well as almost weekly chex sometime during its former 1230-1500 span (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Still gone as of Aug 31 (gh)

\*\* ARGENTINA [and non]. 15344.2, 28/8 2157, Radio Nacional, Argentina, Spanish, talks, ID, reports, la temperatura en Buenos Aires, good in LSB to avoid Morocco till around 2203 when Morocco closes (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italia, RX: RFSpace SDR-14 with SDR-Radio Software - ANT: T2FD 15 m long; QTH: Milan city, Italy;  
SW blog: <http://radiodxsw.blogspot.com/> HCDX via DXLD)

11710.62v, RAE, 0202-0211, August 30. In English with segment about the celebration on August 27 for Radio Broadcasting Day; about the early days of wireless; most info from  
[http://www.icce.rug.nl/~soundscapes/VOLUME04/MIRROR/Carlos\\_Altgelt.htm](http://www.icce.rug.nl/~soundscapes/VOLUME04/MIRROR/Carlos_Altgelt.htm)



poor-fair (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÚn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RAE - ENTREVISTA A MONFERINI Y PAVANELLO

La grabaciÚn de la transmisiÚn de la RAE con Darío Monferini y Roberto Pavanello est· disponible en el enlace:

<http://blog.libero.it/radioascolto/10564053.html>

73 de (Francesco Cecconi, condiglist yg via DXLD)

\*\* ASCENSION. Nice Catch From Alaska --- 0600 UT on 6105 - Listed as BBC via Ascension. A bit hard to make out, but language is definitely French, as listed. I've yet to hear an ID, but if it is as I think, then it's making a trip over the North Pole at 27 degrees az. to reach me here in Alaska. Listening on Grundig Satellit 750 with 40m random wire hanging atop 6 ft fence in Anchorage, AK.

I never did get an ID, reception might've been around a 2 overall on SINPO. The signal was just good enough to tell I was listening to French, but not quite good enough for my French language skills to translate what I was hearing. It did, however, end abruptly at 0630, just as scheduled for BBC. So I'll go with a presumed ID of BBC from Ascension Island. Pretty cool, especially with the route it took to get here. My only real chances to catch anything from that direction are if it is beamed to N. America or Europe. Just like Radio Nigeria on 15120, if it's beamed just East of due North, it sometimes overshoots Europe and wanders in up here. I have to look to the North sometimes to get stations from the South (Daniel, Aug 31, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Daniel, I agree it's surely BBC from Ascension, but the path does not go over the North Pole. If it did, it would be absorbed by the midnight sun. The direct short-path great-circle route from ASC to Anchorage enters North America at the N tip of Quebec/Labrador, Cape Chidley near Ungava Bay, and crosses all of Canada to you, barely exceeding the Arctic Circle to a maximum of 68 N around Coppermine.

27 degrees in the listings refers to the azimuth of maximum signal out of Ascension, which is a completely different thing. Whatever signal you get is coming out toward the northwest of there toward you over a path just on the dark side of the grayline. The bearing of the signal as it reaches you is about 50 degrees from Anchorage (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Glenn, Awesome feedback! Honestly never quite got the azimuth stuff. I probably should read up on that and a bit more about propagation again, but what you stated makes logical sense to me. I didn't even think about absorption over the Pole for some reason. That's pretty

odd for me to miss that, especially since over the last couple months I've had some issues getting decent reception on the lower frequencies here because of the extended daylight (and my antenna limitations). Though the lower frequencies have slowly begun to get better over the last couple weeks as I've also gotten back into AM BCB Dx'ing a bit. I guess I just have too much fun listening and not as much fun reading radio theory. Thanks again for the info! (Daniel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* ASIA [non]. HAM FAIR 2011 HOSTS RADIO FREE ASIA: SPECIAL QSL ISSUED [Re 11-34] by Rfa Qsl on Friday, August 26, 2011 at 5:43am

Ham Fair 2011 will be August 27-28 in Tokyo, Japan. RFA will be on hand at Ham Fair to meet DXers and radio enthusiasts. It is organized by the Japanese Amateur Radio League (JARL) and last year hosted almost 31,000. To promote this year's event, RFA is issuing a commemorative QSL which incorporates the design of our current QSL and the Ham Fair logo. This QSL will be available for a limited time and used to confirm all valid RFA reception reports from 0000 UT on August 26 ñ 2400 UT on August 29, 2011. (Via facebook) (via Alokesh Gupta, VU3BSE, New Delhi, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

That's nice, but RFA does not even broadcast in Japanese, nor to Japan, nor should it, Japan already being `free`; off topic (gh, DXLD)

RADIO FREE ASIA ISSUES FOURTH 15TH ANNIVERSARY QSL CARD SEPTEMBER 2011

Radio Free Asia (RFA) announces the release of our 39th QSL card. This is the fourth QSL card commemorating 2011 as RFA's 15th anniversary. Not only is The Dalai Lama the subject of this card, but The Dalai Lama was also the subject of RFA's very first QSL card. RFA's first broadcast was in Mandarin Chinese on September 29, 1996 at 2100 UTC. Acting as a substitute for indigenous free media, RFA concentrates its coverage on events occurring in and/or affecting the countries to which we broadcast. Those countries are: Burma, Cambodia, Laos, North Korea, Peoples Republic of China, and Vietnam. This QSL card will be used to confirm all valid reception reports for September 2011. Similar designs will be announced monthly between now and the end of the year. To learn more about RFA's anniversary, visit <http://www.rfa15.org>

Reception reports are also accepted by email at [qsl@rfa.org](mailto:qsl@rfa.org), and for anyone without Internet access, reception reports can be mailed to:

Reception Reports  
Radio Free Asia  
2025 M. Street NW, Suite 300  
Washington DC 20036

United States of America.

Upon request, RFA will also send a copy of the current broadcast schedule and a station sticker.

Via - AJ Janitschek, Radio Free Asia (via Prithwiraj Purkayastha, Jorhat, Assam, Aug 31, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DXLD)

\*\* AUSTRALIA. 2368.5, Radio Symban. Very pleased to receive a full data QSL iAustralian Native Birdsî post card also indicating iLeppington (near Sydney), power 500 watts (at present)î, from John Wright in 8 days (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, August 27, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

2368.5, R. Symban, 1202\*, August 22. Looks as if they are still on their reduced schedule (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Symban, 2368.5 has cut back its hours now it's off at 1200 UT each day (Johno Wright, Sept Australian DX News via WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DXLD)

2368.5, R. Symban, 1148-1203\*, August 29. Monologue in Greek; still with reduced schedule; signal recently improved from earlier in the month; not too bad for 500 watts (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DX LISTENING DIGEST) also see CHINA

2368.49, R. Symban, 0935-1006 Ballads in listed Greek; announcer at 1005; fade/in by ToH; poor in ECCS-USB when there was enough signal for it to lock onto; 8/30 (Scott R. Barbour Jr., Intervale, N.H. USA, NRD-45, MLB-1, 200' Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* AUSTRALIA. 2310, VL8A (Alice) Aug. 27, 1333. Wow! Tremendous reception today with music program and F presenter. Amazingly good, with close but no cigar //s on 2325 and 2485 (Rick Barton, El Mirage, Arizona, Hammarlund HQ-200, Drake R-8, outdoor slinky, 70' Inverted-L wire, 100' random wire, ABDX via DXLD)

2485, VL8K ABC Katherine NT, 0908, August 21. Two announcers with live coverage of the Melbourne Demons vs. Richmond Tigers match up (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* AUSTRALIA. Aussie low banders --- I keep getting asked about Ozzy music radio 5050 kHz. Craig, you got a small audience wanting to know when you are back on air for the music content (Johno Wright,

Sept Australian DX News via DXLD)

\*\* AUSTRALIA [and non]. 15400, Aug 27 at 1248, HCJB sufficient in English, rarely audible, but it's just a sermon. If they really wanted to lure in secular listeners, they should not have abandoned stealth evangelism by cancelling 'DX Partyline'. Meanwhile the other transmitter was providing a hefty het upon Morocco 15341; long paths?

15340, Aug 29 at 1240, HCJB in S Asian language, in the clear, no 15341 Morocco het! Not on 15345v either, so off the air. HCJB's other transmitter in English on 15400 also audible. But at 1333, IMM was back on 15341v to het HCJB whose audio remained atop (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* AUSTRIA. Radio Austria International heard August 22 with news reports in German at 0608 on 6155, off 0615. Checking the OE1 online schedule no mention now of the English and French news headlines previously heard at this time (Mike Barraclough, England, Sept World DX Club Contact via WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DXLD)

That was a Monday; had been M-F only for English and French; but just on holiday? (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DXLD)

\*\* BAHAMAS. The Bagamas travel report --- While visiting Nassau (New Providence Island in the Bahamas), I used the opportunity to take some photos of the Tx sites of two AM Stations: 1540 kHz (ZNS-1) and 1240kHz (ZNS-2). The latter one appeared to be a former AM Station. I was told that it hasn't worked for about a year and there is now a plan to use the tower for FM transmission. So far the tower is used for TV only. (See the TV antennas on top of it in pic.1 ).

Regarding the Station ZNS-1 (1540 kHz) it was much more interesting. It was there that I met a radio engineer and he told me what had happened about two months ago (Aug. 2010 [sic]) on their antenna field. One night all the ground copper wires (hundreds of pieces of about 50m long each) were stolen by some guys. For the thieves it was quite convenient to do their job throughout the night because the transmission building is located about 150m from the antenna field, which looks like a deserted rural area. Then the copper wires were probably sold as scrap metal.

There are two antenna towers: in the pics 2, 3, 4, 5 on the right one was used for transmission of 1540 kHz, on the left - for something else. Now they decided to synchronize and combine both for 1540 kHz transmission, so as to get them omnidirectional.

And, of course, to install new groundings but to put the wires underground this time to prevent further thefts. They are also doing a

renovation inside of the Tx building (see pics 6, 7, 8). The power of the transmitter is supposed to be 50 kW, (pic 9) enough to cover the whole area of the Bahamas archipelago (700 islands). The antenna near the transmission building is used to receive signals from the studio, which is about 7 km away.

I also took a photo of their studio site where you can see the same type of antenna (pic. 10) like near the Tx building of ZNS-1 (pic 11). The frequency to send signals to and fro is very low - 460 kHz. That I was told [maybe 460 MHz? --- gh]. The current address of the studio is: Harcourt (Rusty) Bethel Dr., (see pic 12).

The address is the former 3rd Terrace, which is associated with the Tx site of the 1540 kHz Station ZNS-1 (WRTH 2010). But it's not true. The Tx site is about 5 km down South in an area called South Beach (see pic. 13). The address of former ZNS-2 AM Station is: South Beach Harold Pong, in the same area but a bit to the NorthWest (pic 14).

Pic 1 - NassautheBahamasZNS-2tower1.jpg

<<http://i307.photobucket.com/albums/nn314/sixsixii/Bahamas/NassautheBahamasZNS-2tower1.jpg>>

Pic 2 - NassautheBahamasanttowers2.jpg

<<http://i307.photobucket.com/albums/nn314/sixsixii/Bahamas/NassautheBahamasanttowers2.jpg>>

Pic 3 - NassautheBahamasZNS-11540kHzmainanttower3.jpg

<<http://i307.photobucket.com/albums/nn314/sixsixii/Bahamas/NassautheBahamasZNS-11540kHzmainanttower3.jpg>>

Pic 4 - NassautheBahamasZNS-11540kHzsecondaryanttower4.jpg

<<http://i307.photobucket.com/albums/nn314/sixsixii/Bahamas/NassautheBahamasZNS-11540kHzsecondaryanttower4.jpg>>

Pic 5 - NassautheBahamasZNS-11540kHzsecondaryanttower5.jpg

<<http://i307.photobucket.com/albums/nn314/sixsixii/Bahamas/NassautheBahamasZNS-11540kHzsecondaryanttower5.jpg>>

Pic 6 - NassautheBahamasZNS-11540kHzTxbuilding6.jpg

<<http://i307.photobucket.com/albums/nn314/sixsixii/Bahamas/NassautheBahamasZNS-11540kHzTxbuilding6.jpg>>

Pic 7 - NassautheBahamasZNS-11540kHzTxbuilding7.jpg

<<http://i307.photobucket.com/albums/nn314/sixsixii/Bahamas/NassautheBahamasZNS-11540kHzTxbuilding7.jpg>>

Pic 8 - NassautheBahamasZNS-11540kHzTxbuilding7.jpg

<<http://i307.photobucket.com/albums/nn314/sixsixii/Bahamas/NassautheBahamasZNS-11540kHzTxbuilding7.jpg>>

Pic 9 - NassautheBahamasZNS-11540kHznewtransmitter50kW9.jpg

<<http://i307.photobucket.com/albums/nn314/sixsixii/Bahamas/NassautheBahamasZNS-11540kHznewtransmitter50kW9.jpg>>

Pic 10 - NassautheBahamasZNS-11540kHzstudiobuilding10.jpg

<<http://i307.photobucket.com/albums/nn314/sixsixii/Bahamas/NassautheBahamasZNS-11540kHzstudiobuilding10.jpg>>

Pic 11 - NassautheBahamasZNS-11540kHzTxbuildingwithstudiocomant11.jpg

<<http://i307.photobucket.com/albums/nn314/sixsixii/Bahamas/>

NassautheBahamasZNS-11540kHzTxbuildingwithstudiocomant11.jpg>

Pic 12 - Bahamas/NassautheBahamas12.jpg

<<http://i307.photobucket.com/albums/nn314/sixsixii/Bahamas/NassautheBahamas12.jpg>>

Pic 13 - Bahamas/NassautheBahamas12.jpg

<<http://i307.photobucket.com/albums/nn314/sixsixii/Bahamas/NassautheBahamas12.jpg>>

Pic 14 - NassautheBahamasZNS-11540kHz14.jpg

<<http://i307.photobucket.com/albums/nn314/sixsixii/Bahamas/>

NassautheBahamasZNS-11540kHz14.jpg>

(Lev Lytovchenko, Aug 30, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

\*\* BAHAMAS [and non]. KXEL-1540 off --- NorthPine.com is reporting

KXEL-1540 Waterloo, Iowa is off. [see U S A]

<http://www.northpine.com/broadcast/index.html>

(Doug Smith, Pleasant View, TN EM66, 1806 UT 26 Aug, NRC-AM via DXLD)

DXLD members already knew this the night before (gh, DXLD)

IOWA: 50,000-Watt station KXEL/1540 (Waterloo) is temporarily off the air due to storm damage. According to the station's website, straight line winds caused roof damage at its Dysart transmitter site on July 11, but initial damage to the transmitter was repaired. KXEL says more damage has occurred during routine operation since then, forcing it to go off the air. No timeline for returning was mentioned. KXEL's daytime signal is strong across Eastern Iowa and it can be heard across much of the Upper Midwest at night. This from the Northpine web site. 73 Best of DX (Shawn Axelrod VE4DX1SMA, Winnipeg MB, REMEMBER ON A CLEAR DAY YOU CAN HEAR FOREVER, NRC-AM via DXLD)

With KXEL temporarily off air this should give people in north America the opportunity to hear ZNS in the Bahamas despite the fact that their pattern has North America in a null (Dave Marthouse, ibid.)

Given the recent passage of Hurricane Irene, there are power problems reported in the Bahamas - I wonder if ZNS is on or at full power (Russ Edmunds, 15 mi NNW of Philadelphia, ibid.)

All I have so far is much unneeded CHIN in Toronto ON with CRI (China Radio International) programming. A man and woman reading the news in English at 2135 EDT Would love to hear ZNS but after the hurricane who knows if they are up and running. 73 Best of DX (Shawn Axelrod VE4DX1SMA, Winnipeg MB, ibid.)

You better believe I'm cleanin' up: WBNL in Boonville, IN (with HS FB), KLKC in Parsons, KS (with Kansas City Royals BB), and CHIN are all new loggings here tonight. 73, (Rick Dau, South Omaha, Nebraska Kenwood R-5000 + Quantum QX Pro loop, ibid.)

WBNL and KLKC are both one watt at night - congrats! (Steve Francis, Alcoa, Tennessee, ibid.)

And if anyone thinks both stations are broadcasting with 1 watt, I've got some swampland in Montana for sale... ;) 73, (Rick Dau, ibid.)

Tomorrow, there will be ample swampland in Central Park. Still on, Rick? Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry (Jim Chenard, ibid.)

With KXEL off, I was getting WBNL-Boonville Indiana, presumably on full 250 W with Boonville versus Vincennes Lincoln HSFB, they seem to be off by now, leaving much unneeded CHIN relaying CRI. They are mostly atop someone running oldies, just played Petula Clark's "Downtown". Any ideas? Would love to get much wanted Albany (Earl Higgins, St. Louis, Missouri, 0318 UT Aug 27, ibid.)

Cruisin` 1540 WTKM Hartford, WI 500W ND Day, on late? (Paul B Walker, PA, ibid.)

I was getting oldies earlier, too, Earl, but it seemed to be looping SE from here, almost towards KBOA in Kennett, which is more nostalgia (Sinatra and the like) than oldies.? Unless they're mixing it up a little now... 73, (Rick Dau, South Omaha, Nebraska (6 new stations heard here tonight), ibid.)

The thought occurred to me. Still in there, still no ID. WTKM FM has a web stream, but the AM doesn't. Formats are different. I'm hoping for Exeter New Hampshire (yeah right). (Earl Higgins, St. Louis, Missouri, 0335 UT Aug 27, ibid.)

KLKC had the Royals on earlier. They were playing Cleveland, so unless it's gone to extra innings, I doubt it's still on. 73, (Rick Dau, South Omaha, Nebraska, ibid.)

Here in the Philly area, 1540 at night is a jumble with WDCD poking up. A tune-in about an hour ago had Albany and CHIN duking it out. Heard bits of music underneath, too weak to ID. The null ZNS has toard the US is shallow and very wide. I once heard it on a car radio in RI under auroral conditions (Dave Gardiner, 0424 UT 27 Aug, NRC-AM via DXLD)

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Also heard "Downtown" followed by "Something That We Do" by Clint Black then a nice "hometown radio" WBNL ID (Brett Saylor, Central PA,

Eton E1 with E-W delta loop antenna, ibid.)

A few minutes after WBNL finished with sports they started playing music. At 22:05 CDT [0305 UT] Caught a clear "WBNL Radio - Your Favorite Music All Day Long - Your Home Town Radio....." then into a C&W song "Come Home to Your Kentucky Girl". This might be part of the earlier mystery (Tom Jasinski, Joliet IL, ibid.)

1540 - Help with ID --- Heard an ID on 1540 from Lexington KY no2  
Global Tuners - Playing oldies - Call sounds like WDRO or WBRO - 73  
(Tony Magon VK2IC, 0645 UT Aug 27, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The only KY station on 1540 is WGRK in Greensburg, which is not close enough to Lexington, SW of there roughly forming a triangle with Louisville. Last year's NRC-AM log shows its format as C&W.

O, I guess you mean the \*GT\* is in Lexington.

FCC AM Query has no WDRO or WBRO on 1540, but these are the closest matches in the area, with formats per NRC:

WBCO Bucyrus OH - Nostalgia

WBNL Boonville IN - AC/EZL

WBIN Benton TN - religious

WBRY Woodbury TN - C&W

(Glenn Hauser, ibid.) Later found post just above his from Jasinski

Left the overnight recorder run on 1540 last night, and while CHIN dominated most of the time I did hear some interesting things. The HSFB game from WBNL-IN with mentions of Boonville was in very well around 0228 UT; later they were playing some C&W tunes and I heard a nice ID at 0405. An ESPN popped up briefly after 0400 but CHIN was dominating then. Heard a snippet of the Mexican NA at 0705 UT which would correspond to local midnight at XEHOS - they are the highest power of the Mexicans on 1540 with 5 kW. I had MOYL music in prior to 0800 UTC and a tentative ID from KBOA-MO at 0900 UT (Brett Saylor, Central PA, Eton E1 w/ E-W Delta Loop Antenna, 1445 UT Aug 27, NRC-AM via DXLD)

Following is the response from WKVQ Eatonton, GA in regards to KXEL being down. It appears he was not aware. His test in March of this year did extremely well as many will recall. Tom Kraft-Billings, Mt.

Hey Craig. How are you. This is your Montana DX friend weighing in. You are probably aware but I will attach the following off of one of our bulletin boards (Tom Kraft, Billings, Montana, to Craig Baker, WKVQ, via amfmtvdx at qth.net via DXLD) as above

Subject: Re: KXEL 1540 --- Hi Tom & Mary, Hope you're doing well. Wow,



if they're going to remain off for a while, perhaps we should run another DX test. I believe another test would do well on a cold winter night. Take care and thanks for writing. CB Best regards, (Craig Baker via Kraft, ibid.)

#### 1540 loggings summary

BCB DX LOGGINGS FROM SHAWN M. AXELROD VE4DX1SMA

DXing from: Winnipeg MB Canada

RECEIVERS: ICOM ICR?70 / DRAKE R8

ANTENNAE: 3 Foot un-amplified box loop / Quantum QX LOOP v2.0/ 155 Foot 'U' shaped outdoor wire / 100 Foot indoor wire run around the basement walls / MFJ 1026 Phasing unit

Times are Eastern Local time for Domestic DX / UTC for foreign (non Canada and USA) DX

#### UNID

1540 UNID 08/26 2347 Poor signals with Nostalgia music in the mix of stations. No ID heard. (SA-MB)

1540 UNID 08/27, Poor signals under CHIN with lively Mexican music and Spanish talk. (SA-MB)

#### REGULAR LOGGINGS

1540 KXEL IA, Waterloo 08/26 2130 Off air leaving the frequency clear for a change. New ones heard as logged below. (SA-MB)

1540 CHIN ON, Toronto 08/26 2135 Good signals on top with programming from China Radio International. (SA-MB)

1540 WBNL IN, Booneville 08/26 2205 Poor signals under CHIN with High School Football game. NEW (SA-MB)

1540 KMPC CA Los Angeles, 08/26 2230 Poor signals fading up under CHIN for about 4 minutes with Korean programming. (SA-MB)

1540 KLKC KS, Parsons 08/27 0703 Poor signals fading in and out with ESPN programming . NEW (SA-MB)

Nice to see a powerhouse off even if just for a night. Big thanks to all the DXers who helped out IDing the stations for me and others on the NRC List. You folks are the best!

[LATER:] Post it and they will ID it --- Big thanks to Tom and Rick Dau with the help on the 1540 UNID NOS station. Turns out to be KBOA

which makes #3 new one for that night with KXEL off! 73 Best of DX  
(Shawn Axelrod, VE4DX1SMA, Winnipeg MB, NRC-AM via DXLD)

\*\* BAHAMAS. 1540, ZNS1 Radio Bahamas, Nassau, New Providence. 0040  
August 25, 2011. Alternating Hurricane Irene advisories with Bahamian  
vocals. Not nearly the extended 50 kW/day pattern signal of more  
recent past hurricanes after the repairs; suspect they never bumped it  
up for whatever reason. Equipment crumbling already, or unwilling to  
pay for the power bill? (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA,  
27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* BAHRAIN [and non]. 9745, 28/8 2248, Radio Bahrain, Arabic, songs,  
weak, stopped at 2257 by Radio Romania Int. starting in Spanish  
(Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italia, RX: RFSpace SDR-14 with SDR-  
Radio Software - ANT: T2FD 15 m long; QTH: Milan city, Italy;  
SW blog: <http://radiodxsw.blogspot.com/> HCDX via DXLD)

\*\* BANGLADESH. US Based BDeshTV starts online BTV news broadcasts

BDeshTV, a new Online TV company based in the USA, has announced that  
Bangladeshis National Television (BTV) has signed an agreement  
allowing BDeshTV to broadcast all BTV news and related items live from  
its online TV channels to audience worldwide. Viewers anywhere in the  
world can now watch BTV news instantly and freely at [www.bdeshtv.com](http://www.bdeshtv.com).

Since its launch on 26 March 2011, BDeshTV has been very well received  
globally. Presently, BDeshTV is viewed from 2350 cities in 92  
countries over the internet including USA, Canada, Bangladesh, Japan,  
UK, Italy, Australia, Middle-East, India and South Korea. The key  
objective of BDeshTV is to promote Bangladeshi art, culture and  
literature by utilizing cutting-edge technology.

BDeshTV provides free access to multiple TV channels with rich Bangla  
contents available online or on-demand to viewers anywhere in the  
world 24-hours a day. BDeshTV's contents are focused towards the Non-  
Resident Bangladeshi (NRB) population living in the USA and worldwide.  
(Source: BDeshTV)(August 28th, 2011 - 12:47 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media  
Network blog via DXLD) What about reviving the external SW service??

\*\* BELARUS. 6070, 0120-0130 16.08, Belaruskaye Radyjo 1, Brest.  
Belarusian talk, mentioning Belarus more times, ID 0130, piano music  
45444 // 6010 (33433), 6040 (42442) and 7280 (45444). All night  
programme! (Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, AOR AR7030PLUS with 28  
metres of longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

7255, 28/8 2049, Radio Belarus, English program, talks about culture,  
good, some QRM from China. End of the English broadcast with  
schedules, web & mail address, at 2053 (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano,

Italia, RX: RFSpace SDR-14 with SDR-Radio Software - ANT: T2FD 15 m long; QTH: Milan city, Italy; SW blog: <http://radiodxsw.blogspot.com/> HCDX via DXLD) no NIGERIA? Supposedly from 19 in English, 20 French

\*\* BOLIVIA. 5952.45, Radio Pio Doce, Siglo Veinte, 0111-0235\*, August 28. In Spanish with pop Bolivian music; 0232 usual sign off theme music which was the distinctive whistling iColonel Bogey Marchî; poor. August 30 below threshold level (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* BOLIVIA. CQ, CQ, CQ --- Aquî Pedro F. Arrun·tegui para compartir algo con los que disfrutan y aman el DX latinoamericano, todas las horas son UTC, desde la tierra de los incas, les informo mediante este Quipus lo siguiente:

3310.00, R. Mosoj Chaski, Cochabamba; 23/08 1000-1032, 22222, mxf, programa bilingüe (aymara-español), mxf y advs sobre campaña evangélica Iglesia pentecostal, ID iRadio Marsoj [sic] Chaski.. luego hablan en aymará

5952.45, R. Pio XII, Siglo XX; 13/08 2210-2230, 33333, mxf en español y aymara, ID iPor Radio Pio XIIî programa musical La Golondrina, ID iEn su radio Pio XII``

6134.80, R. Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz de la Sierra; 24/08 2123-2200, 44444, mxf en español, advs. Ya saliÛ la revista Intermedio n° 96 y 97, de venta. Radio Santa Cruz programa La bebida llora, el programa m·s antiguo del oriente boliviano. Slogan i960 kHz onda media, 6135 kHz onda corta y 96.7 FM, transmite Radio Santa Cruz, desde Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Boliviaî (Pedro F. Arrun·tegui, Lima, Aug El Chasqui DX, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD) See also PERU; UNID 5785

6134.78, R. Santa Cruz, 0102, August 28. Sign off announcements along with the usual iRadio Santa Cruzî station song till 0107\*; poor (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello to all members of the group! I'm a new member, and have some questions. Has anybody received QSL or any kind of reply from Radio Santa Cruz from Bolivia? This radio on 6135 has good signal here in Spain, so I want to get their QSL but do not know any addresses. 73 (JosÈ Rodrîguez, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello JosÈ, Welcome to the group. I received a QSL from Radio Santa Cruz in July for a report I sent in March. It was a friendly letter in Spanish from Ma. Yolanda Marco Escobar, Secretaria de DirecciÛn. My report was sent to the street address: Radio Santa Cruz, Calle Mario Flores, esquina Guend· N° 20, Santa Cruz - Bolivia. However, the

station's letterhead did not mention that address. It lists mailing addresses Casilla No 672 y 3213, Santa Cruz. The letter also mentioned the station's e-mail address [direccion@irfabolivia.org](mailto:direccion@irfabolivia.org) and website <http://www.irfabolivia.org> (Bruce Portzer, WA, *ibid.*)

\*\* BONAIRE. Radio Nederland, Bonaire, roturas en transmisores. Seg'n informa la emisora, "las transmisiones por onda corta de Radio Nederland Wereldomroep se ver'n afectadas en los pr'oximos d'as debido a roturas en los transmisores de la Estaci'ón Repetidora de Bonaire. Las transmisiones hacia Cuba y el resto de la regi'ón del Caribe se escuchar'n con menor calidad. Les pedimos disculpas por este inconveniente" (RNW en Facebook, via Nigro, Uruguay, ago 29, condiglist yg via DXLD) Rotura = breakage, literally rupture --- what exactly do they mean by that?? How about VOA, NHK relays? (gh, DXLD)

6250, leapfrog Aug 30 at 0526-0527\* Japanese song cut off the air abruptly while fundamental 6080 NHK relay continued another biminute; because fulcrum 6165, RNW Dutch had gone off the air as always at 0527.

So these transmissions are the same as always, altho Horacio Nigro found a cryptic notice on RN's Spanish Facebook, which I translate, ``RNW SW transmissions will be affected in the next days due to ruptures (roturas, or breakages), in the Bonaire relay transmitters. Broadcasts toward Cuba and the Caribbean region will be heard with lessened quality. Please accept our apologies for this inconvenience``.

So what exactly has happened to them and how have the parameters changed on which times and frequencies? I asked Andy Sennitt about this, who promptly replied:

``Hi Glenn, The transmitters are fine. There was a lighting strike on Saturday that damaged one of the antenna switches, so they used a backup antenna. The signal into North America was already back to normal on Monday, and everything should be normal again today. I presume the reason for the cryptic note was that whoever wrote the Facebook item is not a technical person and didn't understand the exact nature of the problem :- ) Andy`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* BRAZIL. 3375.42, R. Municipal, Cachoeira, 0939 Portuguese; Ballads & "canned" sounding announcer at 0943; v. poor; 8/30 (Scott R. Barbour Jr. Intervale, N.H. USA, NRD-45, MLB-1, 200' Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* BRAZIL. A few recordings on the following, with the date (23Aug'11) & times (subtract 1 h for UT) being indicated on each [deliberately

unedited] label: (see attachments)

625 kB clip:

5035\_Brazil: R. Aparecida, São Paulo SP, via the 225f Bev., R. Educação Rural, Coari AM, via the 200 m/270f Bev. This may answer Glenn Hauser's recent question.  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dxld/attachments/folder/2074804389/item/list73>, (Carlos Gonçalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Attachments like this are available only to members of the dxldyg (gh)

\*\* BRAZIL. 9565.236 wandering to .247. At 0455 UT Aug 24 S'per R Deus É Amor, Curitiba, PR \\ 11764.923 kHz, religious program, Portuguese talk. S=4 weak signal. Het by VOIRI Kamalabad in Turkish on 9560 kHz. 9564.984 S'per R Deus É Amor, Curitiba, PR at 1000 UT Aug 27, Portuguese S=7, powerful station ID (Wolfgang B. schel, BC-DX Aug 27 via DXLD)

Brazil (David Miranda?) was clear channel [of off-time Cuban jamming] and on exact 9565.00 as far as I could determine around 0645 Aug 29 (Noel R. Green (NW England), dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* BRAZIL [and non]. A few recordings on the following, with the date (23Aug'11) & times (subtract 1 h for UTC) being indicated on each [deliberately unedited] label: (see attachments)

1.61 MB clip

15190\_R.Inconfidência, QRM de Family R, USA, starting at nearly 2200 UT. Antennae used: 300 m/225f Bev. alternating with an 80 m wire/310f; AMS mode (from JRC NRD545)  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dxld/attachments/folder/2074804389/item/list73>, (Carlos Gonçalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Attachments like this are available only to members of the dxldyg (gh)

15190, 28/8 2109, R.dio Inconfidência, football live, good! (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italia, RX: RFSpace SDR-14 with SDR-Radio Software - ANT: T2FD 15 m long; QTH: Milan city, Italy; SW blog:  
<http://radiodxsw.blogspot.com/> HCDX via DXLD)

15189.96, Radio Inconfidência, 0045-0115, heard after WYFR 0045 sign off. Portuguese talk. Local ballads. Weak but readable. Weak with adjacent channel splatter on // 6010. August 30 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

\*\* BULGARIA. 5900, \*2100-2200\* Sat 27.08, R Bulgaria, Plovdiv. English news, comments, 2140-2159 Rositsa Petkova with the History of EDXC, Conference in Bulgaria 18-22.08, interview of Tibor Szilagyi, EDXC

Secretary General, greetings to all participants. My name was mentioned twice! 55555 // 7400 (44544) (Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

11600, Aug 31 at 0523, surprised to find no signal here instead of usual long-running open carrier from R. Bulgaria which used to come on by 0510 or even earlier. So kept monitoring with BFO, and carrier did not cut on until \*0529:20, just in time for IS // 9600 and opening German at 0530. Ha, someone(s) at Sofia and/or Plovdiv must have seen my recent log querying why they were wasting so many watts prior to 0530 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[Re: TAJIKISTAN log 11499.930 at 1310]: was modulation OK? Then that is not what I hear with open carrier frequently; hmmm, since Bulgaria uses even -00 frequencies only, and likes to run long open carriers, could that be the source, from left field? HFCC has Plovdiv registered on 11500 in DRM 24 hours! But not currently in use. Maybe they park a transmitter in analog there. However, circa 1300 is not a good time for Europe on 25m (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) No, v RUSSIA

\*\* CANADA. 630, CFCO, ON Chatham, iCountry 92.9 FM and iCFCO IDs and C/W twangy stuff. English/YL DJ and local announcements at :28 -- never did hear any ads -- there was a PSA at :36 but that's it! Still in Stereo and coming in well with just a loop antenna and the olde MCS stereo tuner. AM Stereo DOES sound nice when the stations keep their audio clean (as CFCO does)! 4+4+554+ 2105-2140 19/Aug (Kenneth Vito Zichi, MI, MARE Tipsheet Aug 26 via DXLD)

\*\* CANADA [and non]. 6159.982, Canadian? One of the Canadian remote shortwave relays. English sermon at 0638 UT S=9+10dB, CKZN St. John's, New Foundland. Relays CBN Labrador Sce from CFGB-FM?

Also co-channel 6159.954 kHz R Boa Vontade, Porto Alegre, RS, Brazil, het each other terribly (Wolfgang B. schel, Aug 22/24, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 27 via DXLD) Probably via remote receiver in NAm

6160, Aug 27 at 1223, talk in accented English about women's rights (or lack thereof) in Brasil, fading in and out. Must be CBC Overnight via CKZU Vancouver; 1228 outro show as 'Women in the Spotlight', I think; 1229 intro 'World Football' from BBCWS. That's around 5:30 am PDT Saturday; this schedule <http://www.cbc.ca/overnight/schedule.html> shows 'Witness' before 5:30 am, could be, altho I do not find that topic shown on the BBCWS programme site (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* CANADA. 9625.030, CBC Nord Quebec, in English, via Sackville Nova

Scotia site, S=5-6 fair signal, 0350 UT Aug 22. Sackville engineer checked the transmitter of CBC Nord program after 0508 UT program end, when heard with 1000 Hertz measuring procedure til 0510:02 UT, Aug 24. (Wolfgang B,schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 27 via DXLD)

There is a Sackville in Nova Scotia, but the SW site is just over the border in New Brunswick (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* CANADA [non]. 17810, Aug 27 at 1847 as I tune in to RCI they are talking about immigrants from South Asia, so it's still ``Radio Canada Immigration`` despite supposed change of focus. VG signal I was sure came from Sackville, but uplooked later, it's 175 degrees from Skelton, UK! BBCWS in English on 17795 was just about as good, and that's Skelton too, 180 degrees. The other two RCi frequencies at 18-19 are 11765 Skelton on 9530 Kashgar, EAST TURKISTAN (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* CANADA. CBC TV ANALOG SHUTDOWN OF MAIN TRANSMITTERS.

From the various media, there is confusion about the analog shutdown of the CBC TV's main transmitters. After August 31st, are the rebroadcasts and main transmitters going to stay analog for one year; or are the rebroadcasts only going to stay analog for one year? Has anyone heard any definitive information about this? So far I have not heard any complaints about this by the private broadcasters (David Sinclair, WTFDA via DXLD)

In general...

- CBC \*stations\* in mandatory markets will convert.
- CBC \*rebroadcasters\* in mandatory markets will be shut down.
- CBC rebroadcasters outside mandatory markets will operate in analog for the foreseeable future.

Some exceptions...

CBAT-TV in Saint John covers both that (non-mandatory) market and the mandatory market of Fredericton. CBC will not replace this analog transmitter with a digital unit large enough to cover both cities. Instead, they will install a new digital transmitter covering only Fredericton, and then reduce the power of the existing analog transmitter and install a directional antenna to assure it covers only Saint John.

A number of rebroadcasters in mandatory markets have received permission to operate in analog for another year. In some cases rebroadcasters will be required to move to new channels below 52, or reduce power so as to qualify as LPTVs, not required to convert. For

example, the English analog station on ch. 56 in Kitchener will move to ch. 29 and reduce power from 1,041,000 watts to 60,000; the French station on ch. 61 there will reduce from 388,500 watts to 635 watts. These analog permits are valid for only one year.

(however, there are also a number of rebroadcasters \*outside\* mandatory markets, operating above channel 51, which will be reducing power in order to not be required to move to lower channels. These will be allowed to remain in analog for the foreseeable future.)

English rebroadcasters in Quebec City and Trois-Rivieres will take over the analog facilities being abandoned by French-language stations in those cities (the French stations are converting to digital). The Quebec City station goes from channel 5 to channel 11 (and gets a major power increase). The Trois-Rivières station goes from 28 to 13. These, too, are only allowed to remain in analog for one year.

Wikipedia says:

"CBC has stated that its satellite delivery backbone that provides signals to its roughly 650 analog transmitters will reach the end of its useful life in 2013 and the network has no plans to maintain this infrastructure." I don't \*think\* you can read that to state that all the CBC analog transmitters will go dark in two years -- but you probably can read it to state that transmitters will disappear piecemeal as satellite downlinks (or the transmitters themselves) suffer expensive failures, and they'll all disappear if the \*uplink\* crashes.

But don't hold me to any of this. DTV in Canada is definitely in flux. -- (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, Aug 25, WTFDA via DXLD)

One other confusing factor: the voluntary shutdown of many Canadian analog transmitters due to financial considerations. I know this is especially true through my experience watching Ontario TV from across the lake in mid-Michigan.

I honestly can not give you a detailed list of these events, but I know CTV was talking about minimizing their repeaters throughout the outer reaches of Ontario. Canadian repeaters are often fairly full powered - unlike the small wattage repeaters and LPTVs we are used to in America.

For example, NTV in St. Johns. NF turned off its main analog transmitter on Channel 6 and reappeared on DTV Channel 21. They still have several analog transmitters going in both Newfoundland and Labrador - most notably a 100 kW analog on Channel 4 - which I have seen recently via E-skip.



I look forward to getting back to Michigan in the summer of 2012 just to see what is left. In our location in Huron County, Michigan, the only TV available, analog or DTV, are the analog signals that carry across the lake from Ontario. The American conversion to DTV has ended OTA TV reception entirely for everyone. Many of the casual TV sets that used to play in stores there are now gone forever (Karl Zuk, N2KZ, ibid.)

**\*\* CANADA. DTV DELAYED BY FALCONS NESTING IN TOWER!**

Here's an odd one for you. CFTU-29 in Montreal QC (Canal Savoir) had to delayed its transition to DTV because of some work in the Université Of Montréal's building hosting the transmitter (removing asbestos!) but also because back in July they discovered four peregrine baby falcons nesting in the tower! The falcons named Tawodi, Rick, ...ole and Altius were hatched back in May and it was decided that they shouldn't be disturbed, not until the babies could fly. The CRTC graciously agreed to extend their deadline date to go digital to October 31st. However CFTU say they should be on the air in digital by the end of September.

Blog in French about the falcons:  
<http://fauconsudem.blogspot.com/>

Scroll down, there's a picture of the top of the building where CFTU has its transmitter and antenna. And of course, many pictures of the birds.

This is from an article which appeared in The Gazette, August 27 2011:  
<http://www.montrealgazette.com/entertainment/Digital+delay+Some+broadcasters+slowly+getting+signal/5314310/story.html>

73, (Charles Gauthier, Brossard, QC, 28 Aug, WTFDA via DXLD)

**EVEN MORE DETAILS ABOUT MONTREAL'S DIGITAL TV TRANSITION**  
August 28, 2011 ñ 7:01 am  
<http://blog.fagstein.com/2011/08/28/montreal-dtv-transition/>  
(via gh, DXLD)

I don't understand why the CBC is so adamant about [not] multiplexing signals on a single transmitter, but if their 1-for-1 replacement strategy is what they want, so be it.

There are several stations in the US which are broadcasting two HD signals in one channel that can be used as examples of how it can be done properly, one being only 80-90 miles from me and I've not noticed any issues. It seems that if any corporation should be using this strategy, it would be them where they could save money by putting the

CBC and SRC on one transmitter such as CBMT-6.1 (CBC)/CBMT-6.2 (SRC) and just shutting down the other (Jeff Kitsko, Unity Township, PA, WTFDA via DXLD)

Even if the CBC won't come out and say it, I suspect the real issue is regulatory rather than technical. The CRTC appears to be pretty set on the idea that a DTV subchannel would be considered a separate station requiring a separate licensing proceeding, and it may be that the CBC doesn't want the regulatory hassles that would result; or (maybe even more so) the precedent that would be set that would allow CTV to put CTV Two (ex-"A") on its subchannels, creating more competition in markets that don't presently have CTV Two service. s (Scott Fybush, NY, *ibid.*)

IMO, I think the CBC basically wants NO over-the-air stations, and is only keeping ones operating in the originating cities for regulatory reasons. They want to ensure must-carry on basic cable for all originating stations including the small ones (example: CBCT PEI). wrh (Bill Hepburn, Ont., *ibid.*)

\*\* CANADA. MONTREAL RADIO COVERAGE OF IRENE DEFICIENT  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/radioinmontreal/messages/17454?threaded=1&m=e&var=1&tid=1>  
(radioinmontreal yg via DXLD)

Warning: Shameless self-promotion! I wrote a "Letter to the Editor" and e-mailed it yesterday morning to the Montreal Gazette. It appears, in a slightly altered state, in today's newspaper.

Here is my original, unedited version. Sheldon

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We knew well in advance that Quebec, including the Montreal region was going to be hit by Hurricane Irene, yet Montreal's radio stations were totally unprepared to adequately cover the day's events yesterday. Why? Mainly because it was a Sunday! This was the case for both English and French radio stations in the city of Montreal.

First off, all commercial music radio stations stayed with their music formats throughout the day. Many of them, in fact, have no live staff on-air on weekends. So for those stations, it was business as usual; all music and commercials.

For French radio, the only news/talk outlet, 98.5 FM, on weekends switches over to an all-music format. Even on their webpage the most current story on the Montreal news page dated back to Thursday!

On the English side, the station that bills itself as "Montreal home of in-depth news and stimulating talk" and "Montreal's news-talk leader", CJAD, had a full day's line up of a trivia show, pre-recorded shows on subjects of health, legal issues, Hollywood pop culture, science, two hours of comedy, real estate and medical issues. The one apparent live show in the early evening began its discussions talking about the potential for upcoming student strikes! They did have brief live news reports on the hour and half-hour and live traffic reports each 15 minutes, but they were handled by second-tier weekend staff.

CBC Radio was featuring national weekend programming throughout Sunday.

Over 200,000 people in the province, many within range of these radio stations, were without power. Many had nothing available to them but a radio to try to keep them informed of what was going on in their own cities, towns and province.

How can the population of Canada's second largest city be left in the lurch like this on a day when vital, timely and LIVE radio was probably most needed by them and why. Why? Simply because it was Sunday.

Astral & Cogeco....shame on you! (Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec, Aug 30, radioinmontreal yg via DXLD)

\*\* CHAD. 6165, RNT, 2220-2229:35\*, August 24, Afro-pop music. French announcements. Sign off with National Anthem. Poor to fair (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

\*\* CHINA. 5050, Beibu Bay Radio (BBR), 1300, August 30. Ozy Radio (Australia) has not returned here yet so I have been enjoying this while they are still in the clear; pips; in Chinese with TC; multi-language IDs (iFM 96.4 Beibu Bay Radio) and talk in Chinese for a few minutes (something new?) before into the iB-B-R News in Vietnamese; fair (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, Etûn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* CHINA. 5925, CNR-5, Beijing 1046-1102 Chinese; M & W announcers with alternating talk; one breaks out into song!; music bridges & remote reports; filler music at 1058; ID & CNR jingle music at 1100 into more talk; poor-fair; 8/30 (Scott R. Barbour Jr. Intervale, N.H. USA, NRD-45, MLB-1, 200' Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This rather obscure network, Zhonghua News Radio per WRTH, is also on a few other commonly heard SW frequencies such as W00B 7620 (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DXLD)

\*\* CHINA/TAIWAN. Both Chinese het each other by 1000 Hz interference tone. At 0950 UT Aug 27: 9774.000 Fu Hsing BS Kuanyin-TWN and mainland CNR2 program from Beijing on even 9775.0 kHz (Wolfgang B, schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 27 via DXLD)

\*\* CHINA. 10000, Aug 26 at 1257, beeps of higher pitch mixing with WWV/WWVH. 1259 began Morse IDs on MCW over and over as BPM, i.e. China's WWV at Lintong (Mt. Li), Shaanxi. Too bad on pp 668-669, WRTH 2011 does not show details such as ID times, in this case during minutes :29 and :59. Even in the standard-frequency arena, the ChiCom brazenly QRM US broadcasts, while the Russians are kind enough to offset their timesignals -4 kHz (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Discussion continues under INTERNATIONAL

\*\* CHINA. It seems that whenever I tune to China Radio International's English programmes, I run into their 'China Drive' magazine programme which I don't find of any interest. I suppose the idea is that the International audience gets to know more about what the "ordinary" Chinese person is thinking by re-broadcasting the local programming from Easy FM. It doesn't do it for me.

However, they do have some other excellent programmes, such as 'Listener's Garden' and 'China Horizons' at weekends which I stumble across from time to time. I must make more of an effort to note when these programmes are on air. In contrast, CRI's programming in other languages always seems to feature lots of nice selections of Chinese music - especially noted in their Italian, and also French, programmes. I'll return to China Radio International programming another time (Alan Roe, Listening Post, Sept World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

\*\* CHINA [and non]. 5855, RFA, Tinian. Chinese program leaking through in between music breaks from gigantic Firedrake 1928 on 8/8 (Gavin Hellyer, Ararat Vic (Yaesu FRG8800, Kenwood R2000, Realistic DX440, Long Wires & Inverted V, ATUs), Sept Australian DX News via DXLD)

Unusual for Firedrake to be reported on such a low frequency, and using it instead of CNR1 to jam RFA (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

\*\* CHINA. 7970, Firedrake Jammer, Aug. 23, 1030, VG, with equally solid //s on 12980, 10300 (Rick Barton, El Mirage, Arizona, Hammarlund HQ-200, Drake R-8, outdoor slinky, 70' Inverted-L wire, 100' random wire, ABDX via DXLD)

Scan for Firedrake; 19000 through 5900, from 0839 to 0900\*, August 24.  
18180 weak  
17170 fair

16980 fair  
16100 good  
15900 good  
14720 good  
13970 poor  
13130 good  
12270 fair  
10300 good  
7970 good

(Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via  
DX LISTENING DIGEST)

12980, Firedrake jammer, Aug. 24, 1030 (in progress). VG, with strong  
//s heard on 7970, 10300 (Rick Barton, El Mirage, Arizona, Hammarlund  
HQ-200, Drake R-8, outdoor slinky, 70' Inverted-L wire, 100' random  
wire, ABDX via DXLD)

DX time has been very limited last couple of days. Firedrake logs  
follow - Yesterday August 24 didn't have time for a complete band  
check but did run across:

15280, Good 1340

August 25, 2011, just a single band check made

10300, Weak 1139

13850, Good 1141

13970, Fair 1141

15670, Fair-Weak 1142

Good DX (Steve Handler, IL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake August 25, before 1200:

10300, very good at 1143, but none lower or higher; bands above 12 MHz  
were just about dead before sunrise

After 1230:

10300, very good at 1235

12500, very good at 1235

13920, very good at 1236

14720, very good at 1236

15900, very good at 1236

16100, good at 1239

Before 1330:

16100, poor at 1321

15900, good with flutter at 1321

15290, fair with flutter at 1321; none in the 14's

13130, fair at 1324

12980, very poor at 1325

12270, fair at 1325

10300, good at 1327

Before 1400:

15900, very good at 1350

15280, poor at 1346, ex 15290 earlier

13720, fair at 1348

13130, fair at 1348

12270, poor-fair at 1349

After 1400:

15285, poor at 1420; ex 15280 earlier

14720, fair at 1422

13970, very poor at 1424 with het

10300, very poor at 1426

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Good Morning, Exceptional signal (S9 +20 dB) and quality of a Firedrake transmission this morning on 15900 here in Central Ontario at 1344 UT 8-25-2011. They must have tweaked the audio equalization as the depth and quality of the music is fantastic today. What a waste of technology! Thanks for your regular reports on the ODXA Yahoo Group. Greatly appreciated! Regards (Sean Welsh, Orangeville, ON, <http://web.me.com/welshsean> Aug 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

13850, Firedrake jammer, Aug. 26, 1030. Very strong, and covering M in Chinese heard (pres. Sound of Hope via Taiwan) underneath. I noted //s on 10300, 12500, but without target station heard also (Rick Barton, El Mirage, Arizona, Hammarlund HQ-200, Drake R-8, outdoor slinky, 70' Inverted-L wire, 100' random wire, ABDX via DXLD)

Hi Glenn, Today's, August 26th, 2011 Firedrake log:

12500, Good-Strong 1222, Good 1257, Nothing heard lower either time

12980, Good 1225, Fair 1257

13850, Good 1258

13920, Good 1258

13970, Strong 1227 and 1258. Also strong at 1321 with nothing lower.

14720, Extremely Strong 1227 and 1258. Good 1322

15290, Good 1322

15430, Weak 1328

15545, Weak 1228 and 1259 Nothing heard higher at either time

15760, Extremely Strong 1328 gone at 1331 check

16980, Strong 1329, Nothing higher

Good DX (Steve Handler, IL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake August 26, after 1300:

15290, good at 1314, with flutter

16980, good at 1314, with flutter; no others found

Before 1400:

16980, good at 1349

15520, fair at 1351 [usually around here on frequencies ending -5]

14720, fair at 1351

13970, very good at 1353

13850, very good at 1353 eclipsing weak WWCR 13845

12025, very poor at 1353 under CNR1 jammer; none in 11's, 10's

7970, just barely audible at 1355

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

12270.000, Firedrake, 0930-0945 Aug 27, Noted steady Chinese type music during the period. Noted a parallel program of music on 10300 and 13970 KHz. Signal was good (Chuck Bolland, Clewiston FL, NRD545 26N 081W, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

13975, Firedrake jammer, Aug. 27, 1020, Crashing & Banging away, with strong //s noted on 7070, 12270, 13920. Also took note of 10300 being silent. All gone after 1100 (Rick Barton, El Mirage, Arizona, Hammarlund HQ-200, Drake R-8, outdoor slinky, 70' Inverted-L wire, 100' random wire, ABDX via DXLD)

Are you sure? Always heard here on 13970, and these W00B FDs are almost always ending in -0, not -5 (gh, DXLD)

Hi Glenn, A very strange situation this morning. Did multiple sweeps 1345 to 1545 GMT. The only Firedrake broadcast I could hear on any frequency was 15285. Heard them fair at both 1348 and 1426 GMT. Not sure if my local band conditions were bad or Firedrake wasn't up elsewhere. Good DX (Steve Handler, Aug 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Most Firedrake frequencies missing Aug 27; what's going on? Certainly not due to propagation as numerous usual CNR1 jammers and CRI frequencies were still audible up to 18 MHz. See TAIWAN 10300.

1240-1250, NO Firedrake found 10-19 MHz, but among many others:

1246, Chinese CCI on 15795 and 15670, CNR1 jammers

1248, Chinese CCI also on 15250, 15115, CNR1 jammers

1250, CRI in Chinese on 17650, English on 17490, via EAST TURKISTAN

After 1300, found just a couple, in-banders:

15280, poor at 1322-1330\*, vs het on 15282; no jump found after 1330; at 1332 carrier/het on 15288, and algo on 15290, not Firedrake

15285, very poor at 1358, not earlier; no others up to 19 MHz (this was the only FD that S. Handler in IL found today in a 2-hour sweep)

12025, very poor at 1326 mixing with CNR1 jamming

No others 10-19 MHz.

Firedrake August 28, first in the ChiCom noon hour:

17170, poor at 0426  
16100, very poor at 0426; no others 12-19 MHz

Before 1300:

7970, poor at 1239  
10300, good at 1242  
12120, very good at 1248 mixed with constant RTTY on 12120, unusual spot for FD  
15555, poor at 1252, vs het 15552  
No others 13-18 MHz by 1255

After 1300:

15280, poor at 1324, het 15278  
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, Another unusual day for Firedrake. Propagation from SE Asia was good this morning. However I was unable to locate hardly any Firedrake broadcasts despite numerous full SW band searches from 1250 to 1530 GMT. Below are my results, August 28, 2011

10300, Fair 1229, 1235, 1258

15280, Good 1323

15545, Weak 1256

15555, Weak 1256

Other than those frequencies I was unable to hear any other Firedrake broadcast. My 1430-1530 searches yielded not a single frequency (Steve Handler, Aug 28, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7970, Firedrake musical jammer Aug. 29, 1020, strong, crashing and banging, with noted //s on 12600, 14720, 14720 and 11935 --- NO, the latter was CRI with a legit program of Chinese music that was a fooler for a moment (Rick Barton, El Mirage, Arizona, Hammarlund HQ-200, Drake R-8, outdoor slinky, 70' Inverted-L wire, 100' random wire, ABDX via DXLD)

Hi Glenn, A good day for SE Asia reception here. Made many band scans today. Interesting pattern for 13970 as it was not heard during any of the 1200-1300 band scans but heard before and after.

Firedrake Log August 29, 2011

7970, JBA 1145

10300, Weak-Fair 1146, Weak 1256 and 1327

12270, Strong 1148

12600, Strong 1148

13130, Strong 1257

13920, Fair 1149 and 1257. Strong at 1328

13970, Strong 1149 and Fair 1329

14720, Good 1150, 1258 and 1329

15280, Good 1329



15545, Weak 1259  
15670, Fair 1159 then at ToH 1200 audio changed from Firedrake to CNR-1's Mandarin program. Both Firedrake and CNR-1 via same transmitter  
15970, Good 1259  
Good DX (Steve Handler, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake Aug 29, before 1300:

7970, good at \*1226. I had just tuned by on the 7-8 MHz FRG-7 range without hearing it, and then starting at the bottom edge of the 8-9 MHz range, 7965, there it was on 7970  
10300, very good at 1233; none in the 11's, 12's  
13130, very good at 1237  
13920, poor at 1236  
14720, good at 1238

After 1300:

15430, very poor at 1307; on early or continuously thru hourtop

After 1330:

16100, fair at 1336  
14720, fair at 1338  
13920, very good at 1339  
12270, good at 1339  
12025, poor at 1340 mixed with CNR1 jamming  
10300, fair at 1342  
7970, poor at 1342  
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also MALAYSIA, ChiCom QRM

Hi Glenn, Excellent SE Asia Reception today. 14400 is back after an absence here for a while. Two frequencies, 15280 and 15425 had a buzzer jammer along with Firedrake today.

Firedrake Log Steven Handler August 30, 2011

10300, Fair 1146, Weak 1223  
12270, Good 1148, JBA with het 1318, Weak with het 1337  
13130, Fair 1148, 1225, 1253, 1337  
13850, Strong 1149, 1225, 1256  
13920, Strong 1225, 1256, 1317 and Good 1338  
13970, Fair 1226, 1256, Good 1338 and Fair 1429  
14400, Strong 1149  
14720, Good 1340  
14970, Fair 1429  
15280, Good 1307, 1319 along with another jammer generating a buzzing sound  
15425, Fair 1345 along with another jammer generating a buzzing sound.  
Neither Firedrake nor the buzz jammer were audible five minutes ago when I checked this frequency.  
15515, Weak 1220

15555, Weak with het 1258  
15670, Fair-Good 1150  
15900, Good 1259  
16100, Weak 1151, Good 1259, Strong 1342, Good 1356  
16980, Weak 1152, Strong 1221 and 1259.  
Good DX (Steve Handler, IL, DX LISTENNG DIGEST)

Firedrake Aug 30, around 1230:

7970, poor at 1222  
10300, good at 1231 with flutter. Most of them are rather fluttery  
13130, good at 1237  
13850, good at 1237  
13920, good at 1238  
13970, poor at 1238; none in the 14's  
15555, poor at 1245 with het  
15900, good at 1239 with flutter  
16100, good at 1243  
16980, good at 1243

Before 1400:

16100, very good at 1342. None in the 15's until this:  
15425, fair at 1351 also with noise jamming  
14720, very good at 1344  
13970, very good at 1345  
13920, very good at 1345  
13830, fair at 1345  
13130, very good at 1344  
12270, fair at 1345  
12025, very poor at 1345 under CNR1 jamming; none in the 11's, 10's

After 1400:

10300, fair at 1435, back on this hour; did not look for others  
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

August 31, 2011 Firedrake log. I was only able to listen for a short while.

10300 Fair 1140  
13920 Fair 1142  
13970 Good 1142  
15670 Weak 1143  
16100 Weak 1144  
(Steve Handler, IL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake Aug 31, before 1300:

10300, very good at 1243  
12970, very good at 1243  
13130, very good at 1249  
13920, good at 1244

14720, very good at 1249  
15900, fair at 1249  
16100, very good at 1257  
16980, fair at 1257  
17170, poor at 1258

After 1300:

15430, very poor at 1305, just starting, I think vs 15432 carrier het, which also QRMed Romania in Chinese on 15435. The latest Aoki, dated Aug 26, showed V. of Tibet via Tajikistan at 1300-1306 on 15437, 1306-1330 on 15442, but today must have been on 15432 instead at the moment

15280, fair at 1307. Aoki shows this too is vs a jumparound V. of Tibet via Tajikistan, 1301-1330 on 15282, 1401-1430 on 15283

12025, very poor at 1313 under CNR1 in Chinese jamming

Before 1400:

18180, just barely audible at 1350  
17170, fair with flutter at 1349  
15900, fair with flutter at 1349; none in the 16's

15520, very poor at 1351 vs het de 15523: no doubt another V. of Tibet jumparound via Tajikistan, which Aoki Aug 26 had on 15527 at 1330-1337, 15517 at 1337-1400

15425, fair at 1352, ex-15430 earlier in the hour, q.v.  
14720, good at 1353  
14400, very good at 1353  
13970, very good at 1353  
13920, fair at 1353 with het, fax QRM?

13670, fair at 1354, Firedrake music NOT // 13970 and 14400. Unusual spot for Firedrake; Aoki Aug 26 has nothing to explain it, and in fact, lists both PBS Xinjiang, Urumqi in Uighur, and CRI in Chinese via Kashgar, EAST TURKISTAN at this hour; wrong audio by mistake? Or maybe it was coincidentally non-jamming programming with same kind of music.

13650, poor at 1355, Firedrake mixing with Chinese, not // 13970 either. Aoki shows this is also an Urumqi channel until 1357, CRI in Chinese, plus VOK in Chinese. So maybe a second Wulumuchi transmitter with the wrong feed, as here too there is no known opposition broadcasting. After 1400, only VOK remained

13130, very good at 1356, // 13970  
12025, very poor at 1356 under Chinese from CNR1 jammer; none lower (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* CHINA. 6125 / 7230 / 7305 / 7345 / 9500 / 9710 / 9810 / 9845 / 11710 / 13610, CNR-1. 1120 August 27, 2011. Bored with Firedrake, I decided to see how many channels of this network would be audible at this time. Signals were, respectively: weak; fair; fair; good; very good; good; fair; fair; very poor; good. 9845 seemingly with two transmitters, as there was a slight double audio. 11710 mostly covered by a rather weak Spanish station, RHC? QRM noisy here, so probably a few otherwise weak channels overlooked (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* CHINA. ILLEGAL RADIO SHUT DOWN IN NORTH-WEST CHINA | Text of report in English by website of state-run China Radio International on 31 August

An illegal radio station broadcasting to locations throughout Xi'an in northwest China was shut down by the authorities on Tuesday [30 August]. The station was the first illegal radio station to be shut down by the authorities in recent years.

The radio station was detected by a monitoring station operated by the Shaanxi Provincial Radio Management Committee Office.

On the morning of Monday, August the 29th, some netizens complained that whenever they turned on the radio and tuned in to FM 107.7 MHz, they would receive a radio programme with no host, presenting nasty medical advertisements all day around.

On Monday afternoon, after close monitoring, personnel from the Xi'an monitoring station initially confirmed the broadcast site of this radio station - the top floor of a 24-storey building at a residential quarter in the south of Xi'an. Later, law enforcement personnel knocked on the door of room 2404 of that building and detained four people who were working there.

It's been reported that this illegal private radio station had been operating for over a month. Apart from FM 107.7, the radio station also owns another two frequencies, FM 107.5 MHz and FM 107.1 MHz, which were prohibited on the spot by law enforcers on Wednesday. Source: China Radio International, Beijing, in English 31 Aug 11 (via BBC Monitoring via DXLD)

ëVULGARí SHAANXI RADIO STATION SHUT DOWN

An illegal private radio station broadcasting medicine ads and vulgar content in northwestern China's Shaanxi Province was shut down by local authorities yesterday, Hsn.cn reported today. Four people running the radio station have been detained.

The station which covered most of the Xi'an urban area was the first private radio station busted in the city, said Shaanxi Radio Administration Bureau. Under Chinese law, it is illegal to own a private radio station.

After several tests, we found a transmitter on the roof of a 24-floor-highrise in a residential complex and caught four workers, said Liu Xiaobing, deputy head with a monitoring station of the Radio Administration Bureau in Xi'an. I know it is illegal to set up radio stations on my own, but I just wanted to have a try for fun, said one of the suspects surnamed Cui. (Source: shanghaidaily.com) (August 31st, 2011 - 9:37 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

\*\* COLOMBIA [and non]. 6010: Three peaks and programmes noted on terrible mixture - heterodyne QRM mess - sometimes a Perseus notch filter cut-out helps ... At 0920 UT Aug 27 noted two Spanish and a weak Portuguese program underneath. I guess 6009.960, XEOI Radio Mil, MEXICO DF MEX; 6010.016 Radio Inconfidencia-BRA; and 6010.104 kHz LV de tu Conciencia CLM (Wolfgang B. Schell, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 24/27) No doubt yet another log on a remote receiver, California? (gh)

\*\* COSTA RICA [and non]. 5954+, Aug 30 at 0530, I hear a less than 1 kHz het against 5955 = RNW via Sines, PORTUGAL, underneath all the Cuban noise jamming, i.e. only evidence that ELCOR is still on the air with R. Republica (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* CUBA. 750, Radio Progreso, Palmira, Cienfuegos. 1050 August 27, 2011. Presume the site with "wobbler" variation audio. Not many of these wobblers remain, compared to a couple of years ago: presumably newer, defective Chinese-made transmitters that have mostly been fixed. Typical cheap ChiCom products. This particular entry is rated a moderate CRFU (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* CUBA. DentroCuban Jamming Command grinding on 9565 at 1312 Aug 28, between Australia 9560 and China via Cuba 9570; 9565 jamming totally unnecessary at this hour. See also USA: Greenville report (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* CUBA [non]. 5952.4, 28/8 2311, Radio Pio XII, Bolivia, popular songs, fair (No trace of Elcor, Costa Rica) (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italia, RX: RFSpace SDR-14 with SDR-Radio Software - ANT: T2FD 15 m long; QTH: Milan city, Italy; SW blog: <http://radiodxsw.blogspot.com/> HCDX via DXLD)

No jamming either? R. Republica via ELCOR has been around 5954.2, and we still hear jamming at night on 5955, day on 9965 (gh, DXLD)

\*\* CUBA. 9240, CUBA (reported), Aug. 24, 1010. Spanish language numbers broadcast, VG signal, weak modulation (Rick Barton, El Mirage, Arizona, Hammarlund HQ-200, Drake R-8, outdoor slinky, 70' Inverted-L wire, 100' random wire, ABDX via DXLD)

\*\* CYPRUS. 17155-17180, Aug 25 at 1241, OTH radar pulses, presumed from here, noticed when checking for Firedrake on 17170 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* CZECHIA. RADIO PRAGUE INTERNATIONAL SERVICE WILL MARK ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY WITH PRESS CONFERENCE AND TENT. Posted: 29 Aug 2011

Radio Prague website: "On August 31, 2011, it will have been 75 years since the Czechoslovak company Radiojournal launched its regular shortwave broadcast. We consider that day to be the beginning of Radio Prague. To mark the anniversary, Radio Prague will be doing some special programmes and preparing the following events. ...

Wednesday, August 31, 2011: A press conference on the current state of international broadcasting will be held for Czech and foreign journalists in the Czech Radio building. Journalists will have the opportunity to see the 75 Years of Radio Prague exhibit and visit the international broadcasting workspaces. A Czech Radio 7 tent will be set up at Na příkope 15, Prague 1, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The staff at the tent will be distributing Radio Prague promotional materials and will be drawing attention to the Prague broadcast for foreigners on 92.6FM and 99.3FM. There will also be live broadcasts from the tent." With link to pdf document about the station's history.  
<http://www.radio.cz/en/static/75-years-of-radio-prague/>  
(kimandrewelliott.com vi9 DXLD)

We had advance news in DXLD about these festivities several weeks ago, so let this be a reminder (gh, DXLD)

Radio Prague 75th Anni Specials

Radio Prague marks 75 years on air  
<http://www.radio.cz/en/section/special/radio-prague-marks-75-years-on-air>

Adapting to change: 75 years of Radio Prague broadcasts  
<http://www.radio.cz/en/section/curraffrs/adapting-to-change-75-years-of-radio-prague-broadcasts>

Radio Prague listeners send well-wishes on Radio Prague's 75th birthday  
<http://www.radio.cz/en/section/curraffrs/radio-prague-listeners-send-well-wishes-on-radio-pragues-75th-birthday>

Radio Prague to suffer no budget cuts in 2012

<http://www.radio.cz/en/section/corraffrs/radio-prague-to-suffer-no-budget-cuts-in-2012>

(Alokesh Gupta, VU3BSE, New Delhi, dxldyg via DXLD)

\*\* DENMARK. Re long-delayed QSLs coming out from World Music Radio:

The website was back online when checked August 25, a one page history of the station which says in part:

World Music Radio (WMR) first went on the air in 1967 from the Netherlands, and broadcast from there until August 1973. Programmes were aired each Sunday morning and later also on Saturdays. Later, programmes from WMR were carried through the facilities of Radio Andorra (in 1976 and 1980), Radio Milano International (1982-1983) and Radio Dublin (1983-1989), as well as via FM stations in Italy and France.

In 1997 WMR came back on the air from May to August from new headquarters in Denmark using powerful transmitters in South Africa, giving worldwide coverage but with Africa as the main target area.

In August 2003 permission to use 5815 and 15810 was granted by the authorities in Denmark, and transmitters were ordered from a company in Canada. The shortwave transmitters finally arrived in mid April 2004. Meanwhile new aerials had been erected near Karup in Central Jutland, Denmark, and the first test transmissions commenced on May 9 on 15810 and on May 18 on 5815.

All transmissions of WMR ended in early January 2005 and WMR is currently off the air (via Mike Barraclough, England, Sept World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

\*\* EGYPT. EGYPTIAN TV HOST: iCORRUPTION AND CENSORSHIP WORSE THAN UNDER MUBARAKî

Egyptian TV personality Shahira Amin has told The Guardian that iCorruption and censorship are worse today than under Mubarak.î She quit Egyptian state TV on 3 February at the height of the political unrest and mass protests in the Middle East. At the time of her resignation, there was optimism in Egypt and the west that the countryís corrupt and censored media would be reformed.

Following demonstrations from media workers and a shift in news coverage after the revolution ñ protesters were transformed from ithugsî to iheroesî ñ it seemed that the countryís state media were becoming more open. Ms Amin, however, believes they have gone

backwards. iThe army is in complete control. They have simply replaced Mubarak and they are even more intimidating.i

Read the interview

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/media/2011/aug/28/interview-shahira-amin-broadcasting-egypt>

(August 29th, 2011 - 12:18 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

\*\* ERITREA. 9830.03, Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea, 0323-0330, August 24, vernacular talk. Horn of Africa music. Weak but readable. // 7175 - poor with ham QRM.

9710.03, Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea, 0320-0335, Horn of Africa style music. Vernacular talk. Fair level but very weak modulation. Fair on // 7174.99. August 30 (Brian Alexander, PA, WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DX Listening Digest)

9820.03, Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea, 0315-0330, Horn of Africa music. Vernacular talk. Some Mid-East style music. Poor to fair. // 9730.03 - weak modulation. // 7174.99 - fair to good. This station seems to change their 9 MHz frequencies almost daily. August 31 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

\*\* ETHIOPIA. 9705, Radio Ethiopia, 2045-2101\*, local Horn of Africa style music. Amharic announcements. Possible news at 2056. Sign off with National Anthem at 2059. Fair. August 29.

Radio Ethiopia, \*0258-0315, sign on with short IS on electronic keyboard and opening announcements. National Anthem at 0259. Gongs at 0300 followed by Amharic talk. Possible news. Local Horn of Africa pop music at 0303. Fair. August 31 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

\*\* EURASIA. TA's into central PA tonight --- I guess this marks the "official" start of the DX season for me; tonight between 0040-0100 UTC the higher band had quite a few TA carriers like 1575, 1206 and 1089, and good audio on 1521 Saudi, 1503 Iran and 1215 UK. Even elusive 1088 has a het against 1089. Iran would be MW country #50 from this QTH. Heard on Perseus SDR with 16'x36' "superloop" pointing towards Europe (Brett Saylor, State College, PA, UT Aug 29, IRCA via DXLD)

1521 Saudi also noted here tonight with fair audio at times along with a slew of strong TA hets all across the dial at 0220 UT (Tim Tromp, West Michigan, Perseus SDR + 300 FT BOG, ibid.)

Following reports that MW TA carriers were penetrating deep into NAM,



I made a check UT Aug 29 at 0250, and could detect some weak ones on 1521 (no doubt Saudi Arabia) against KOKC, and on 1089, plus a few other hints too weak to be sure of vs birdies, appliance radiation, etc. (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* EUROPE. 12255, PIRATE, Reflections Europe. Sundays has religious program in English, at 1730 //6295, poor signal on both frequenciess on 21/8 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF-2001, 16m Marconi antenna), Sept Australian DX News via DXLD)

\*\* GERMANY. 1539 kHz, Mainflingen - only one day check on Aug 25.

Abend-ERF zurueck auf MW? Nachdem der ERF die Abendsendungen am 1.8. auf 1539 kHz eingestellt hat, sind sie heute wieder da. Ein Versehen oder zuviele Proteste? Auf der Internetseite habe ich auf jeden Fall nichts gefunden (Sandro Blatter-SUI, A-DX Aug 25 via BC-DX via DXLD)

Beim ERF weiss man nichts von Sendeaktivitaeten ausserhalb der Sendezeit (04-08 Uhr UT) auf 1539 kHz! Absicht war das wohl nicht. (Karl-J.Conrads-D, A-DX Aug 25, ibid.)

Re 1539 kHz. Heute nur die zwei SER Stationen mit Radrundfahrt Sport news, und jetzt wohl Barcelona football Uebertragung zu hoeren. War das gestern nur eine Wartungsmessung des Mainflingen Senders?, oder wurden den CRI oder Radio Moskau Interessenten nur ein Messsignal geboten? (73 wb - Aug 26, ibid.)

\*\* GERMANY. HCJB, 3995: English programme of bible stories and contemporary Christian music heard August 28 and 29 from 0705 tune in until 0759 when sign off announcements in German (Mike Barraclough, England, Sept World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

\*\* GERMANY. Radio Gloria International schedule --- RGI 08-12-2011

28. August:

11-12 (9-10 UTC): 6005/shortwaveservice.com/9480

17-18 (15-16 UTC): Coloradio.org

no 6140

rep.: 4.Sept. 1-2 pm (11-12 UTC) 9480

25.Sept./23.Oct./27.Nov./25.Dec. 2011

11-12 (9-10 UTC) 6005/shortwaveservice.com/9480

15-16 (13-14 UTC) 6140

17-18 (15-16 UTC) Coloradio.org

rep.: 1st Sunday of the next month 1-2 pm (11-12 UTC) 9480

Good listening! Reports welcome! Andy (via Manuel M endez, Spain, Aug 25, HCDX via DXLD)

\*\* GERMANY [non]. FINE TRASMISSIONI DELLA DW IN ONDE CORTE PER L EUROPA --- La DW mi ha comunicato che con la fine dell'ora legale termineranno le loro trasmissioni in onde corte per l'Europa. Questo fatto comporter  anche, per me e molti altri, la fine del rapporto di monitor dopo 30 anni! Peccato (Giovanni Lorenzi IT9TZZ, bclnews.it, Aug 26, shortwave yg via DXLD)

End of DW transmissions on SW to Europe: DW has told me that at the end of summer time, they will terminate their transmissions on SW for Europe. This will also mean, for me and many others, the end of monitoring reports after 30 years. A Shame (translated by gh for WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15620, Aug 27 at 1850, good signal in Hausa from DW via RWANDA, except for squishy spur around 15619 from WEWN 15610, now built up to strong level, maybe some sporadic-E boost, which hasn't made it into VHF for a fortnight or so as the summer TV/FM DX season ends (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* GERMANY EAST. R Berlin International 1967 --- I have an RBI QSL from 1967 which doesn't list the transmitter site. My 1969 WRTH (my oldest reference) shows Nauen & Konigswusterhausen as possible sites. Does anyone know if those were the sites in use in May of 1967? (JLenamon, Waco, Aug 26, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

Basically yes, if it was not 9730 kHz. I understand that Wiederau, the third shortwave site, was at this time a fixed-frequency operation on this channel. However, this changed when a new transmitter has been installed in 1972 which until 1993 was in use over the day on various frequencies from 49 to 13 metres.

The other options in 1967 were at Nauen a 100 kW transmitter on a steerable antenna that is still in use (now with a transmitter moved in from J lich) and another 50 kW transmitter that had some rhombics and dipoles at its disposal. K nigs Wusterhausen had four 2x50 kW Sneg units with a set of rhombics, dipoles and vertical monopoles. Further transmissions beyond six frequencies plus the fixed 9730 would have been old low power units at K nigs Wusterhausen.

Post-1970 upgrades were, besides the already described one at Wiederau, at Nauen a Brown Boveri 500 kW transmitters with dipoles for European services plus a curtain for transmissions to Chile. Some years later followed two Soviet 500 kW transmitters and the row of 4/6 curtain antennas that was an impressive sight also on transit tours by train from Hamburg to Berlin.

The only piece of this equipment that remains today is the mentioned steerable antenna at Nauen. The 4 x 500 kW units in use since 1997 have been built from scratch for 70 million D-Marks and on the foundation of a transmission contract for twenty years, thus actually running until 2016. As well-known Deutsche Welle cancelled it in 2007, which cost them a compensation payment of 14 million Euros, and it is beyond the imagination of a number of observers that this was an economical move (Kai Ludwig, eastern Germany, *ibid.*)

\*\* GIBRALTAR. Two recordings made yesterday, 30/8; times shown on both (13:07, 12:57,) are local, i.e. UT +1 h:  
"El Peñón", "The Rock", 1458 kHz, Maida Vale tx, at some 340 km away.  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dxld/attachments/folder/1827336045/item/list>  
(Carlos Gonçalves, Portugal, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* GREECE. Decided to have a look at remote receiver at Athens area:  
At 2050 UT, Aug 22, some Balkan Pirate stations:  
1605.200 1615.200/3230 1620.0 1640.300 1642.630 1648.030  
1648.030 1655.236 1671.840 1679.280 1689.200 Turk/Ar sce!  
1700.180 1709.910 1760.0 kHz.  
1727.260 wandered down to 1726.950 within 30 sec! (Wolfgang B. Schel,  
wwdxc BC-DX TopNews - with help of Mauno and G. nter Lorenz soft Aug  
22, BC DX Aug 27 via DXLD)

I think these are all Greek pirates, of which you are surely aware?  
High quality and power (maybe 20 kW or so) transmitters, also often no offset! Most of them in the vicinity of Athens.

Michael Nevradakis' excellent source can give answers to part of them:  
<<http://www.media.net.gr/mwband.php>>  
see also  
<<http://users.hol.gr/~sv6czq/am.htm>>  
<<http://medium-wave.blogspot.com/>>  
(Mauno Ritola, Finland, Aug 22, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 27 via DXLD)

\*\* GREECE. 15630, ERA5, Radio Dromos relay via Voice of Greece; 2215-2227+, 24-Aug; M in Greek with Greek pop tunes + one English pop; ID spots at 2218+ & 2226+. Dromos is an FM station in Athens per the 2011 WRTVH. SI0=4+54; // 9420, SI0=4+54 (Frodge-MI)

[Not to be confused with R. Kosmos, also reported recently via SW -gh]

15630, ERA5, Voice of Greece; 1948-2005+, 25-Aug; 2 or 3M in Greek with football game coverage; apparently the Greek word for offside is "offside"! Foni tis Elladas ID at 2004. SI0=454; // 9420 covered by strong hiss QRM throughout (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B

+ 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* GUAM. 9975, Aug 25 at 1231, TWR IS, then ``KTWR, Agana`` in English, opening Chinese. Note: pronounced Agana, not Aga0a --- are the Guamanians (or Guahanians) themselves split over whether to enye it? The issue could be avoided by referencing smaller town Agat which serves at least as PO Box address of KTWR as well as KSDA. Clear except for some jumbleed from 9965 Cuban grind (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* GUAM. 9880, Aug 25 at 1258 some beautiful singing cut off abruptly at 1259\* without any announcement, let alone ID or sign-off; how rude. HFCC shows KSDA at 12-13, 100 kW, 330 degrees in Kor = Korean per Eibi (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* GUATEMALA. Dear Ralph: I have produced a special file with the statistic hystory of power output on our transmitter. I thought you may be interested on reading it, and you will understand all circumstances I have gone through during the years. However, I never give up, because it is the work of our Lord Jesus, and the results are great through His power. May God bless and reward you.

...dgar Amílcar Madrid  
Manager and Director  
Radio Verdad

HISTORIAL ESTADÍSTICO DE POTENCIA DE RADIO VERDAD  
Ver Gráfica al Final.

Fecha Potencia Módulos Notas

Feb. 25, 2000. 400 2 No se oía en Chiquimula. No acopló con coaxial RG8 (50 ohmios), y se tuvo que utilizar RG12 (75 ohmios).

Feb. 26, 2000. 800 2 Se comenzó a oír en Chiquimula.

Mar. 5, 2000. 1000 2 Inauguración oficial.

Mar. 6, 2000. 800 2

Mayo 11, 2000. 200 2, 1 funcionando. Ingresó agua al cable coaxial. Se cambió coaxial, pero, no acopló de ninguna manera. El técnico Don Hugo Calvillo desconectó la tierra del condensador, y así logró acoplarlo; pero, del condensador saltaban chispas, y hasta fuego. Se tuvo que dejar a sólo 200 watts. Se trabajó sin tierra hasta septiembre 2, 2003 (3 años y 7 meses).

Mayo 18, 2000. 200 2, 1 funcionando. El condensador suelta chispas.

Mayo 22, 2000. 800 2 Aislé las placas del condensador con cinta aislante y ya no soltó chispas.

Mayo 22, 2000. 200 2, 1 funcionando. Me aconsejaron quitar el aislante de las placas, y continuamos con el problema de las chispas y con baja

potencia.

Mayo 26, 2000. 500 200 300 500, 2, Aumenté potencia con botón Up/Down. Chispas ocasionales.

Junio 24, 2000. 1000, 800 2. Abrí el condensador al máximo y coloqué una placa de acetato entre las placas superiores e inferiores. La antena no acoplaba, pero, la logré acoplar a través de colocar un gran trozo grueso de madera de cedro frente al condensador. Ese trozo lo quitamos cuando logramos volver a conectar la tierra el 2 de septiembre del 2003 (3 años y 3 meses). Probé a 1000 watts y funcionó bien, pero lo dejé en 800 watts.

Junio 26, 2000. 350 2

Junio 28, 2000. 500 2

Junio 29, 2000. 700 2

Julio 12, 2000. Instalamos un transformador eléctrico de 35,000 voltios/240.

Abril 7, 2001. 600 700 2. Tratamos de instalar el cable RG8 (50 ohmios), tal como corresponde, pero fue imposible que acoplara la antena. Volvimos a colocar el cable RG12 (75 ohmios). Probé hasta 1230 watts, y funcionó bien, pero lo dejé entre 600 y 700, para no forzarlo.

Dic. 20, 2001. 250 2 Había muchas chispas.

Enero 11, 2002 700 2 Aislé las placas con acetato.

Junio 6, 2002. 270 1 Primera vez que se quemó el módulo B. Cayó un rayo en seco.

Abril 11, 2003. 500 800 2, Se reparó el módulo B que se había quemado 10 meses atrás.

Ago. 28, 2003. 200 2, 1 funcionando. Se quemó cable coaxial y no pudimos acoplar el nuevo cable blanco. Después, acoplamos el cable blanco y se calentaba mucho.

Sept. 2, 2003. 800 2, Conecté la tierra en el condensador (después de 3 años y 7 meses de dificultades por falta de tierra). Logré acoplar bien la antena.

Nov. 22, 2003. 0 2. Se quemó el cable blanco de baja calidad y quedamos fuera del aire por 5 días.

Nov. 27, 2003. 600 2, Instalamos un cable negro marca JSC Wire & Cable, USA, type #3640, y quedó bien, sólo que la terminación que quedó enrollada, se calienta un poco. Lo dejamos a 600 watts.

Dic. 30, 2003. 600 2, Nos informaron del Este de Estados Unidos que Radio Verdad es una de las estaciones más fuertes de la banda.

Mayo 3, 2004. 320, 300, 1, Cayó un rayo, y nos quemó el módulo B. El otro módulo quedó trabajando.

Mayo 3, 2004. 0 0, El otro módulo estalló al día siguiente, y quedamos fuera del aire por 25 días.

Mayo 28, 2004. 620 2 Se repararon los 2 módulos quemados.

Junio 15, 2004. 500 2

Enero 2005. 1000 2 El transmisor tiene fuerte tendencia a subir la potencia. Se la bajamos, y vuelve a subir.

Feb. 22, 2005. 280 1, Le conectamos tierra al chasis de la nueva

consola Phonic,, y aumentó la señal de audio, pero no fuimos a ver hasta dónde subió la potencia y, un rato después, se quemó un módulo del Módulo B, del cual no teníamos repuesto, y nos quedamos con sólo el Módulo A. Al conseguir ese módulo, el Módulo B, no lo pudieron reparar, porque siempre estallaba al ponerle la corriente.

Julio 26, 2005. 230 1 Pedimos la fabricación de un módulo nuevo, a través de Comercial Dinámica.

Abril 4, 2006. 700 2, Se instaló el nuevo módulo que fabricaron. No sabemos dónde lo fabricaron, quizá fue Lensa de Chile, la única casa autorizada para fabricarlos.

Abril 6, 2006. 750 2

Agosto 6, 2006. 0 0 Colapsó el transmisor y quedamos fuera del aire por un día.

Agosto 7, 2006. 220 0 2, 1 funcionando, 0. Localizamos corto circuito en el cable de la antena y lo hicimos funcionar sólo con 220 watts, porque no soportaba el audio. Más tarde, volvió a colapsar y quedamos fuera del aire.

Agosto 8, 2006. 700 2, Descubrimos el problema: El cable de la antena estaba topando a la antena, y ésta, perforó su aislante y había una lluvia de chispas hacia él, al agregar el audio.

Sep. 8, 2007. 700, Distorsión, 2. La señal se volvió gangosa y distorsionada esos 2 días. El 9 por la noche, apagué el transmisor e investigué la causa. Descubrí que surgió una incompatibilidad entre la computadora de Internet y el transmisor.

Sept. 9, 2007. 700, Distorsión; 750 2 2. Hice muchos ajustes, limpié el transmisor, revisé cables de audio. Descubrí que la distorsión la causaba un choque entre la tierra de la computadora y la tierra de la consola. Provisionalmente, conecté el audio de la computadora en la consola, conectando sólo el cable central, sin topar la tierra, y funcionó todo bien.

Sept. 10, 2007. 750 2, Para interconectar la computadora con la consola, fabriqué un transformador de audio, para lograr que las tierras de la computadora y la de la consola no hiciesen contacto directo, sino por inducción. El problema quedó resuelto permanentemente.

Mayo 16, 2008. 250 720 2, 1 funcionando, Bajó potencia por suciedad en el transmisor. Lo limpié, y quedó bien.

Sept. 22, 2008. 650 0 20. Cayó un poderoso rayo como a las 4 de la tarde y destruyó los dos módulos y varias cosas más. Quedamos fuera del aire por 2 años y un mes. Nadie pudo reparar los módulos.

Sept. 17, 2010. 50 Yaesu FT-840 --- Con la ayuda del técnico hondureño Don Jesús Cruz, salimos al aire con un transmisorcito Yaesu FT-840 utilizando la misma antena que teníamos.

Oct. 26, 2010. 500 2. El Ing. Wayne Ralph Borthwick, de Canadá, reparó los dos módulos y salimos al aire con 500 watts. Construyó una nueva antena muy eficaz.

Dic. 1, 2010. 210 1. Limpié el transmisor, pero ya no arrancó.

Intercambié los dos módulos idénticos, para ver si así arrancaba y, al poner el alto voltaje, estalló el módulo B. No sabía que, desde hacía varias semanas, el transmisor estaba arrancando como a las 3 horas después de encender.

Mar. 25, 2011. 700 2. Llegó el Ing. Wayne Ralph Borthwick, de Canadá, reparó el módulo quemado y el arranque tardío.

Ago. 22, 2011. 650 2. Descubrí que la potencia que realmente está saliendo al aire, es de 650 a 660 watts.

#### Historial Estadístico de Potencia de Radio Verdad 1

Fecha Potencia Módulos Gráfica en Watts

W. 50 100 150 200 300 350 400 450 500 550 600 650 700 750 800 850 900  
950 1000 1050 1100 1150 1200 1250 1300

(Dr. ...dgar Amílcar Madrid, Radio Verdad, via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This second part has bar graphs showing the power fluxuations. Both it and the first part are better viewed in original pdf, via:

<http://www.w4uvh.net/VerdadHistoria.pdf>

This should be very useful for those concerned with QRP calculations, to know the exact power in use for various log dates (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* GUATEMALA. Estimado Sr. Hauser. El 29 de agosto a las 0300 UT capté aquí en Mérida, Yucatán a Radio Verdad en 4055 kHz en un radio-tornamesa analógico Benytone modelo M7130 con señal buena aunque con un poco de ruido atmosférico por tormentas eléctricas. Conecté un cable de 10 metros aproximadamente a una derivación de la antena interna de ferrita del receptor y emplee un kit casero de reducción de ruidos (no muy efectivo, aunque preferible a nada).

A las 0300 UT se escuchaba un programa religioso ¡El Mensaje de Dios! sobre el mensaje de los pastores.

A las 0308 UT, identificación completa en español por un locutor ¡Esta es su estación educativa evangélica Radio Verdad en 4.05 MHz banda de 75 m onda corta SW1, para reportarnos nuestra señal diríjase a Estación Educativa Evangélica Radio Verdad, Apartado #5, Chiquimula, Guatemala, Centroamérica y le enviaremos su tarjeta QSL, calendario, banderín y su calcomanía indíquenos la bendición que recibir por escuchar Radio Verdad y diga el nombre correcto del programa que escucha, esperamos su carta! seguido por un mensaje religioso por una locutora.

0310 UT un locutor da la hora: 20:10 hrs e identifica la emisora seguido por un himno religioso.

0315 UT, El programa ¡Así nos amó Jehová! acerca de la Iglesia Amigos de Santidad.

0332 UT, Himno religioso.

0336 UT, identificación completa en español por un locutor ¡Esta es! seguido por un mensaje religioso por una locutora.

0338 UT Música e identificación completa en inglés iRadio Truth, P.O. Box 5, Chiquimula, Guatemala, Central America. Seguida por música religiosa en Ése idioma.

0358 UT Identificación completa en inglés y programa religioso en Ése idioma.

Envío archivo de audio

<http://www.megaupload.com/?d=C7B4TKID>

Atte: (Ing. Civ. Israel González Ahumada, M.I., Yucatán, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* GUINEA. It seems R. Guinée, one of the intruders, is off 7125 during most of the day: their morning operation is no longer audible around 0800, and the evening period starts at 1800. 73, (Carlos Gonçalves, PORTUGAL, 2158 UT Aug 24, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7125, Rdif Nationale, 2215-2251\*, August 24, hi-life music. Indigenous vocals. Rustic tribal music. Vernacular and French talk. Abrupt sign off. Fair (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

7125, Radio Guinée (tentative); 2229-2236+, 24-Aug; Afro pop to tentative BoH ID as "Ici Conakry", into chant for 1 minute, then M commentary in French till 2235, then 2M in French -- one sounded agitated. SIO=352 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 7125, Conakry Sofoniya irregular on air again, morning transmissions missed Aug 24 ... 27 !

Mauritania, R Nouakchott, 7245 kHz was loud and clear and heard regularly at same time slot (Wolfgang B. Schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 27 via DXLD)

7125, Radio Guinea, Conakry, 0650-0705, 28-08, African music, male and female with comments in French. 24322 (Manuel Méndez, Lugo, Spain, Grundig Satellit 500 and Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Cable antenna, 8 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* GUYANA. 3290, GBC Georgetown, 0930 English; M announcer into "On Top of Old Smokey" followed by announcement of sorts; poor in ECCS-USB; 8/30 (Scott R. Barbour Jr. Intervale, N.H. USA, NRD-45, MLB-1, 200' Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* INDIA. 4820.75, AIR Kolkata, 1334, August 25. Last noted on this off frequency July 12; best in USB (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÚn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)



INDIA, All India Radio (I believe) - 31.08.2011, 1330 UT, 5015. Very good signal, never heard it on formerly Turkmen Radio's frequency. Vladimir Kovalenko, Tomsk, Russia, HCDX via WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DXLD)

Scheduled few seasons like

5015 50 Delhi (Kingsway) 1220-1841 (Ex 3365)

of B-06 season - DXIndia:

5015 AIR New Delhi 1220-1400 Hindi/English 50 ND Delhi (Kingsway) IND

5015 AIR New Delhi 1400-1410 Punjabi 50 ND Delhi (Kingsway) IND

5015 AIR New Delhi 1410-1530 Hindi 50 ND Delhi (Kingsway) IND

5015 AIR New Delhi 1530-1545 English 50 ND Delhi (Kingsway) IND

5015 AIR New Delhi 1600-1630 English 50 ND Delhi (Kingsway) IND

5015 AIR New Delhi 1630-1840 Hindi 50 ND Delhi (Kingsway) IND

73 wb (Wolfgang B.schel, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DXLD)

\*\* INDIA. 7270, AIR Chennai. Happened to catch the AIR IS at 1259, August 29; weak (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, Etûn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This is supposed to be a daytime = morning frequency only, 0130-0430 per WRTH 2011 (gh, DXLD)

\*\* INDIA [and non]. 9870, Aug 26 at 1255 was enjoying the music from AIR VBS, only fair reception from Bengaluru at 35 degrees, but after 1300 ruined by CRI English, which HFCC shows co-channel at 13-16, 200 degrees from Xi'an, to SE Asia, take that! Also listed on 9870 is DRM from Moscow at 13-18, but not heard here (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* INDIA. Comment #7 on iAIR Khampur testing DRM to Europe on 9950i Oliver H on Aug 25th, 2011 at 20:52

Very nice Signal, S9+30dB.

SNR FAC 22 dB

SNR MSC 23 dB

Excellent Audio Quality, very less drop outs.

My equipment: 10 meter longwire, HCJB Pappradio SDR reciever. SoDiRa software for decoding. I like the music very much. Best greetings from Germany (MN blog comment via DXLD)

\*\* INDONESIA. 3976, R. Republik Indonesia, Pontianak (presumed). Aug. 1 at 1832-1920 in Indonesian. SIO 242-141. Worship. Fade/out at 1920 (Akihiko SATO, Ashikaga, Tochigi-Pref. SONY ICF-SW77 & ICF-SW35 + SONY AN-71, Sept JSWC Bulletin via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

Atsunori Ishida's site says 3976 Pontianak is a ``silent station on shortwave``: <http://rri.jpn.org/>

not heard since April 1, 2010:  
<http://rri.jpn.org/dat/html/2010-04.html>

Of course, you never know when one may pop up again briefly or regularly. The log above smax of being Ramadan-induced, but I haven't seen any other reports of 3976 this month. Not to be confused with Azad Kashmir on 3975 (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* INDONESIA. 4749.929, RRI Makassar, 1001-1030 Aug 26, At tune in noted a religious chanting or praying by a male lead and a chorus assisting. This is the typical Islamic praying noted here regularly. I am going to go out on a limb here and suggest that Makassar has increased power today for this broadcast because the signal's quality is much better than it has been in the past. Usually I can barely hear the station during this time frame. The reason for the good signal is probably due to Ramadan? At 1009 a male comments probably in Indonesian? As noted the signal was fair to good (Chuck Bolland, Clewiston FL, NRD545, 26N 081W, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* INDONESIA. 7289.95, RRI Nabire, 0756-0808\*, August 21. Formatted for Ramadan with Islamic singing; no news; 0805 sounded like an actual sign off announcement with ID and filler music till suddenly off; signal improving the whole time (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtŪn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Weak S=4 signal, fluttering and weak at 0807 UT Aug 27 on 7289.935 kHz, wandered to 7289.940 kHz at 0931 UT - sweet South Sea music -. Seemingly rather 24 hours service during Ramadan til Aug 29 +3 additional festive days. Measured on remote SDR unit in southern California (Wolfgang B.schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 27 via DXLD)

\*\* INDONESIA. 9524.96, Voice of Indonesia. Checking from 1507 to 1549, August 30; in English with special Eid-al-Fitr (end of Ramadan) show; phone call from Indonesian embassy in London telling of festivities there; gave weather forecast for the celebrations; pop songs; fair. Running well past their normal sign off.

9680, RRI Jakarta, 1503\*, August 30. Suddenly off the air; fair (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtŪn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9525-, Aug 31 at 1236 music and then announcements in Special Japanese, VOI reception now good enough to confirm that IADs are still happening several times a minute in a very irregular fashion (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* INTERNATIONAL. [HCDX] US time stations jammed? Re: ``CHINA. 10000, Aug 26 at 1257, beeps of higher pitch mixing with WWV/WWVH. 1259 began

Morse IDs on MCW over and over as BPM, i.e. China's WWV at Lintong (Mt. Li), Shaanxi. Too bad on pp 668-669, WRTH 2011 does not show details such as ID times, in this case during minutes :29 and :59. Even in the standard-frequency arena, the ChiCom brazenly QRM US broadcasts, while the Russians are kind enough to offset their timesignals -4 kHz (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)``

Is it really so that the US time stations have a monopoly over internationally allocated time signal and frequency standard frequencies and all other time stations (from China, Brazil, Argentina, Korea...) in fact "brazenly" jamm their operation? I think I read this for the first time in my life... but maybe I have missed something... Clarification appreciated, thanks (Karel Honzik, CZECHIA, HCDX via DXLD)

I was exaggerating somewhat. However, the fact remains that Russia thought it better to use 4996, 9996, 14996, if not to be 'kind', at least to avoid interference to their own advantage, and China keeps to the even frequencies. I believe the STFT 'bands' are allocated 10 or 20 kHz wide, so more stations could be spread out a bit.

Note that in WRTH listings, Spain also offsets EBC to 4998 and 15006, altho on a very limited schedule of 1030-1055 and 1000-1025 M-F respectively. Does anyone really hear them active? Mode is not given, CW? (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

from official web site:

[http://www.armada.mde.es/ArmadaPortal/page/Portal/ArmadaEspannola/ciencia\\_observatorio/06\\_Hora#Hora2](http://www.armada.mde.es/ArmadaPortal/page/Portal/ArmadaEspannola/ciencia_observatorio/06_Hora#Hora2)

"...Transmisi n de se ales horarias en HF, durante dos periodos de 25 minutos diarios, en 15006 y 4998 KHz. Respectivamente, entre 10:00 y 11:00 horas UTC. Temporalmente fuera de servicio."

73s (Mauricio Molano, Salamanca, ESPA A - SPAIN. RX site: Aldea del Cano, C ceres. LAT: 39 17'09.70 N LONG: 6 19'00 W. RX: PERSEUS. ANT: WELLBROOK ALA1530S+ <http://moladx.blogspot.com/> ibid.)

If all the stations used their own frequencies, there would be little point in having internationally allocated standard time frequencies. (Paul, New Zealand, HCDX via DXLD)

Accurate time is one thing; accurate 'standard' frequencies are another, not necessarily combined. There are several time stations operating way outside the standard frequency bands, notably CHU (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Karel, I fondly recall that the former Czechoslovakia operated station

OMA from the CZ Academy of Sciences on a couple of alleged "standard" channels, but also highly mutant/non-standard 3170 kHz for many years (which was widely heard worldwide).

This, along with the former DDR's Nauen STFS station on highly mutant/non-standard 4525 kHz, provided phenomenal listening pleasure for me in the late 1970's (sometimes I would keep either tuned in to for hours at a time just to take in the gratitude of the glorious seconds sounders), to the point that these were sufficient enough to retain my interest in DXing to this day (Terry Krueger, FL, HCDX via DXLD)

\*\* INTERNATIONAL. CNN goes International for an hour --- I should have pointed this out a few nights ago when it first happened, but you never know if it is a one-time anomaly:

Instead of repeating the stale 2300 UT 'John King' hour, at 0300 UT weeknights, CNN (USA) is condescending to plug into CNN International, where you may see some different or updated stuff about Libya; at least the anchors are different. However, it's slow time before sunrise in Libya, so maybe not much in the 'breaking news!' category. Settle for 'developing story'. Hurricane stuff too.

zap2it still hasn't caught up with this, displaying John King (Glenn Hauser, OK, 0325 UT Aug 26, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Of course the following night UT Aug 27 it was all-Irene-all-the-time. Eventually CNN went back to John King hour repeats, ho hum (gh)

\*\* INTERNATIONAL. Re 11-34: Perhaps a better translation of this would be ``intangible heritage of humanity``; at least Google thinx so.

SOLICITAN DECLARATORIA DE PATRIMONIO INMATERIAL LAS TRANSMISIONES INTERNACIONALES DE RADIO

Cartas@RN --- Un mensaje a todos los miembros de Cartas@RN

En la sede regional de la UNESCO para Am rica Latina, en San Jos  de Costa Rica, se present  ayer martes 23 de agosto, la solicitud de declaratoria de patrimonio inmaterial de la humanidad para las transmisiones internacionales de radio, tanto por en la modalidad de onda corta como internet. Tambi n se pidi  el establecimiento del D a Mundial de las Transmisiones Internacionales de Radio.

Los patrocinadores de esta iniciativa, oyentes y diexistas latinoamericanos, con el apoyo de otros de todo el mundo, esperan que as  se abra el camino para distinguir la importancia de estas transmisiones en el nivel mundial. La idea parti  del jurista costarricense Berny Solano Solano, oyente de Radio Nederland, y a ra z de la dr stica reducci n que sufrir  nuestra emisora.

En declaraciones a Radio Nederland, Solano dijo que la solicitud será un hito en el proceso de declaratoria inmaterial de la UNESCO, porque por primera vez no son los gobiernos u organizaciones las que piden la declaratoria, si no personas de todo el mundo.

Se abre así el camino de la esperanza para que se distinga la importancia de estas transmisiones y a partir de ahora, lejos de pensar que todo se ha acabado, inicia un período de contacto y convencimiento a los gobiernos de los distintos países para que apoyen la iniciativa, así como para todas las personas que quieran adherirse a la solicitud ya formalmente presentada dice Solano.

En La Matinal de hoy 24 de agosto pueden escuchar un fragmento de la entrevista, y en Cartas @ RN del domingo 28 la entrevista completa con Berny Solano Solano. Visitar Cartas@RN en:

[http://cartas.ning.com/?xg\\_source=msg\\_mes\\_network](http://cartas.ning.com/?xg_source=msg_mes_network)  
(via Magdiel Cruz Ramírez, México, playdx yg via DXLD)

No había leído esta noticia cuando la mandaste. Estoy gratamente sorprendido. Y contento. Aunque muchas veces en la práctica (y dispensenme mi excepticismo [sic; escepticismo]) no sirve para nada este tipo de declaraciones (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, condiglist yg via DXLD)

Yo también dudo de que sirvan para algo, dado que es bastante difícil en términos de costo beneficio justificar la permanencia de muchos servicios. Pero no deja de ser un intento curioso e interesante (Alejandro D Alvarez, LU8YD, ibid.)

Texto solicitud "Patrimonio Inmaterial a las transmisiones de radio internacionales"

Acabo de comenzar a leer el texto en pdf, completo, de la petición de Declaración de Patrimonio Inmaterial. Me gustaría que un letrado como el Dr. Arnaldo pueda brindar un comentario. A primera vista, es una idea que apela destacar lo que la Onda Corta ha sido y aun es (y será pues seguirá siendo parte del espectro radioeléctrico, es un hecho físico). Comparto la importancia de su valor cultural, de eso sabemos nosotros más que nadie.

Pero vislumbro en el texto del Dr Berny Solano la pretensión de algunas prerrogativas que pienso UNESCO puede o no estaría en condiciones de apoyar.

O sea: aunque la intención es buena... resulta incongruente pretender la actuación de autoridades internacionales con el propósito de evitar el cierre de las transmisiones. El interés o falta del mismo por parte

del emisor para mantener una emisi n es inexcusable, inalienable. Es su derecho transmitir o no.

Hoy se anuncia que DW deja de transmitir en OC a Europa. No creo que UNESCO haga una declaraci n (ya no un mandato que no puede realizar) para que DW retome lo que ha decidido. En Holanda ha sido el parlamento quien ha tomado la medida. La realidad econ mica y de las tecnolog as les manda. Ultimamente, se han conocido sistemas inform ticos que logran circunvalar las limitaciones y censuras de servidores por ejemplo chinos o de otros pa ses, para sus connacionales. La OC seguir  estando all , es parte del espectro. Pero est  all  quien quiere y puede. No soy muy optimista de esta Solicitud, aunque s  comparto que es un patrimonio cultural. De la misma manera que el candomb , m sica negra de Uruguay es patrimonio inmaterial, entre tantos otros much simos en el mundo.

El material est  aqu :

<http://www.rnw.nl/espanol/article/solicitan-el-patrimonio-para-transmisiones-internacionales-de-radio>

m s espec ficamente en el pdf aqu :

[http://sites.rnw.nl/documento/SOLICITUD-PATRIMONIO%20INMATERIAL%20\(UNESCO\).pdf](http://sites.rnw.nl/documento/SOLICITUD-PATRIMONIO%20INMATERIAL%20(UNESCO).pdf)

Se me ha pedido por parte de los organizadores de la iniciativa ayuda con la traducci n del texto al ingl s, pero est  en lenguaje muy t cnico jur dico. Al menos me voy a poner a difundirlo por ac , y contactar radioaficionados, etc. que conozco.

Pero quiero entender bien que es lo que el documento del Dr. Solano pretende. Mi Blog: <http://lagalenadelsur.wordpress.com/>  
(Horacio A. Nigro, Montevideo, Uruguay, ibid.)

Estimados Colegas Editores DX: Como es ya sabido estamos solicitando ante la UNESCO la "DECLARATORIA DEL PATRIMONIO INMATERIAL DE LA HUMANIDAD A LAS TRANSMISIONES RADIALES EN ONDAS CORTAS E INTERNET".

Por tal motivo, hemos dise ado un banner que nos gustaria insertaran en sus blogs y p ginas webs con el fin de sumar voluntades y lograr nuestro objetivo .El c digo html es el siguiente:

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<script src="http://h1.flashvortex.com/display.php?
id=2_1314280887_46561_439_0_728_90_9_1_100" type="text/javascript"></script>
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Por favor, copiar y pegar en c digo completo en su publicaci n para promover nuestra solicitud a la UNESCO. De antemano, reciban nuestra gratitud y les reatiremos nuestro deseo de apoyar sus actividades. 73  
(Ing. Santiago San Gil Gonz lez, CLUB DIEXISTAS DE LA AMISTAD,  
<http://diexismovenezolano.blogspot.com>  
Barinas, VENEZUELA, Aug 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

M·s: Viendo el panorama por Espa a, tambien tienen algo similar...

D A DE LA RADIO

<http://www.academiadelaradio.es/diadelaradio/>

El D a de la Radio, en Espa a, nace con la pretensi n de ser instaurado a nivel mundial. La Academia Espa ola de la Radio es la promotora de esta iniciativa que cada vez cuenta con m·s adhesiones dentro y fuera de nuestro pa s. Corresponde a la UNESCO, organizaci n de Naciones Unidas para la Educaci n, la Ciencia y la Cultura, fijar esta celebraci n dentro del Calendario de D as Internaciones de la ONU. En consecuencia, el Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores del Gobierno de Espa a est· realizando las gestiones diplom·ticas oportunas para la proclamaci n del D a Mundial de la Radio.

D a Mundial de la Radio: Propuesta de la Academia Espa ola de la Radio a la Unesco

<http://www.periodistas-es.org/medios-de-comunicacion/dia-mundial-de-la-radio-propuesta-de-la-academia-espanola-de-la-radio-a-la-unesco>

JUEVES 30 DE SEPTIEMBRE DE 2010

PES.- Tras un largo periodo de espera, la Delegaci n Permanente de Espa a en la Unesco, a instancias de la Academia de las Artes y las Ciencias Radiof nicas de Espa a, presentar· formalmente la propuesta para que la fecha 30 de octubre sea proclamada como D a Mundial de la Radio.

Dicha propuesta se llevar· a la reuni n de octubre del Consejo Ejecutivo de la UNESCO, donde ser· votada por las distintas Delegaciones Permanentes que forman parte de Consejo Ejecutivo, y que se re ne dos veces al a o en Par s.

La fecha 30 de octubre corresponde con la hist rica emisi n radiof nica iLa Guerra de los Mundos , dirigida por Orson Welles, en 1938, y que caus  el p nico de la poblaci n de Norteam rica, dando la noticia la vuelta al mundo. Este acontecimiento marc  un antes y un despu s en la radio como medio de comunicaci n social, algo ampliamente reconocido.

Esta iniciativa de la Academia Espa ola de la Radio cuenta con el respaldo de las principales cadenas de radio espa olas, as  como las m·s prestigiosas entidades de radiodifusi n del planeta.

En ingl s <http://www.worldradioday.org/> WORLD RADIO DAY

The Spanish Academy of Radio Arts and Sciences wishes to propose to

the UNESCO the founding of a "World Radio Day".

Since its launch more than a century ago, radio has been free and accessible to the majority of the world's population. We believe that radio deserves a World Radio Day tribute. Undoubtedly, this date will be celebrated by radio professionals and millions of radio listeners around the world.

We propose to establish 30th October as the "World Radio Day". This date coincides with the broadcasting of one of the most relevant and well-known radio programmes in the history of radio, "The War of the Worlds". This radio drama was directed by Orson Welles and broadcast by CBS on the 30th of October 1938 and since then, radio stations all over the world have produced versions in their own languages.  
(Via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, Aug 29, DXLD)

**\*\* INTERNATIONAL INTERNET. HOW INTERNET BROADCASTERS GET AROUND IN-COUNTRY WEBSITE CENSORSHIP**

[http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng\\_20110823\\_2409.php?oref=topnews](http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20110823_2409.php?oref=topnews)

Here's how broadcasters like the VOA are investing in Internet technologies in order for audiences in Internet-restricted countries (think China, Iran) to hear / see the VOA website. Interesting reading, and helps to explain why these broadcasters seem willing to abandon conventional shortwave even in these areas.  
Via Avrom Shtern via the International Radio Report Facebook site.  
(Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA USA, Aug 24, NASWA yg via DXLD)

**AGENCY USES CIRCUMVENTION TOOLS TO ADVANCE DEMOCRACY - Nextgov**  
[http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng\\_20110823\\_2409.php?oref=topnews](http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20110823_2409.php?oref=topnews)

Agency uses circumvention tools to advance democracy

As humorless border guards and red-penned press censors have given way to Internet firewalls and denial-of-service cyberattacks, the federal government's international broadcasting arm has had to find new ways to support the free flow of information in repressive states.

The agency that once set up transmitters in Europe to overcome the Soviet Union's attempts to jam Voice of America's shortwave radio broadcasts is now deploying advanced Web proxy and IP address shielding technology to jump online firewalls that block the country-specific websites for VOA, Radio Free Asia and other government-funded news agencies under the purview of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

In most cases, BBG's circumvention tools don't just ensure users can



access the agency's news sites. They also create what its chief information security officer and director of Internet freedom programs, Ken Berman, calls an "encrypted pipe" -- essentially a search bar at the top of the websites for VOA China, Persian News Network and other BBG outlets that allows users to go nearly anywhere on the Internet without alerting national Web censors.

"I joke with our [news] content providers, that 'your content's got to be good, because I'm landing folks on your site and we'd like them to stay there,' " Berman said. "Our idea is that an educated citizenry, if they get all the news and views, should be able to make up their own minds. The deeper mission of this program is to encourage freedom of inquiry and freedom of information."

Berman's office does make its best effort to block porn sites without compromising other searches, he said.

The anti-censorship office has occasionally had to limit the websites users can visit through its search bars when it simply didn't have enough server space to support a surge in traffic.

The first and most notable case was during Iran's Green Revolution -- a series of protests that followed the Islamic Republic's disputed 2009 presidential election -- when Berman's office had to limit its Iranian sites' search bar to Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and other social media sites that were helping fuel the revolution.

The office got a \$10 million, one-time funding boost during the negotiations that averted a government shutdown in April. The office intends to use the additional money largely to build up server space to remove similar limitations in the future, Berman said. The money in essence was diverted from Internet freedom funds bound for the State Department.

BBG is essentially a successor to the broadcasting wing of the U.S. Information Agency, the Cold War-era office that beamed Voice of America broadcasts into Eastern Europe and Radio Marti broadcasts into Cuba. BBG became its own independent agency in 1999 when USIA was disbanded and its nonbroadcasting wing, which focused on education and cultural exchanges, was swallowed up by the State Department.

The agency's mission is to promote democratic reforms by ramping up the amount of free information inside relatively closed countries. That includes creating locally produced stories in nations that lack thriving journalistic cultures and beaming in international news broadcast.

Berman's office was first funded as an anti-radio jamming office about

10 years ago with a small Internet component. While that Web component has grown significantly over the past decade much of BBG's work still involves radio and broadcast work in developing nations with very low Internet penetration.

Keeping BBG Web pages up is vital in China where less than 1 percent of citizens still listen to shortwave radio broadcasts but more than 380 million use the Internet, at least occasionally, Berman said.

Other nations such as Iran and Vietnam also have a rapidly growing cadre of young Internet users coupled with a strict regime of press censorship.

In recent months, BBG has been attacked by some lawmakers over its plan to save money by shutting down its Chinese radio broadcasts in favor of Web-based content. The agency has said it's focusing resources where they're most likely to reach people, but critics have charged that it's giving up vital ground just as democratic ideals are taking hold in the Arab world and elsewhere.

#### Circumvention Tools

Berman's office uses four main circumvention tools to get its websites into the hands of people in high-censorship nations. The first is Tor, which routes information through numerous servers in different countries to conceal who's viewing what.

The second and third tools are software that BBG's services encourage users to download. Freegate, popular in China, and Ultrasurf, popular in Iran, basically shift the user to a different Internet protocol address whenever an outside entity tries to shut down the website he or she is looking at.

The final tool Berman's office uses is Psiphon, which bounces BBG's country-specific Web pages onto a series of disposable proxy Web addresses, with each proxy address capable of supporting the censored site for a day or two before authorities shut it down.

Berman's office advertises each new proxy site on BBG radio and TV broadcasts and in mass emails to people inside the country. When his office sees a dramatic drop in traffic to the proxy site, it shifts to a new proxy and sends out another blast of advertisements and mass emails to promote it.

Psiphon is sophisticated enough that Berman's office is often able to play on countries' bureaucratic inefficiencies, he said, for instance, keeping a proxy site up longer in some distant Chinese provinces that are slower to block it while cycling through proxies much more quickly

in Beijing, Shanghai and other large Chinese cities.

The email lists BBG uses to blast new Psiphon proxy sites are supplied by the agency's affiliates and originate with numerous sources, Berman said. In some cases, he said, the Chinese lists are taken straight from Beijing market stalls where entrepreneurs hawk discs full of email addresses, mostly to other Chinese entrepreneurs running viral marketing campaigns.

Berman's office looks through those email lists before using them and winnows out any Yahoo, Gmail or other U.S.-based providers to ensure the agency isn't violating a congressional prohibition against promoting BBG broadcasts inside the United States, he said.

One of the anti-censorship office's biggest challenges is being able rapidly stand up a system to blast out Psiphon proxies in nations that don't typically interfere with Internet content but where the government might suddenly clamp down during a period of crisis or conflict, such as during the Belarussian presidential election in December 2010.

#### Getting Past Firewalls

China has the largest number of Internet users in the world -- more than the entire U.S. population, according to Chinese government figures that Berman said he's inclined to believe. Yet the number of Chinese Web surfers using BBG-sponsored circumvention tools is about equal to the number of Iranians using those tools, despite the fact that Iran is less than one-tenth China's size.

The reason, Berman said, is that the so-called great firewall of China is so sophisticated most Chinese rarely notice it.

"In China, for better or for worse, you can have a very rich Internet experience in a totally filtered environment," Berman said. "You can download music and video; you can do online dating; you can go to gossip and sports sites, and you can get a lot of news. You just can't get news about the corruption trials or the mine accidents or the flooding or environmental problems."

Studies have found a majority of Chinese approve of some level of government Internet control.

In Iran, Myanmar and other repressive nations with less sophisticated firewalls, Berman said, Web users are more likely to be aware of and irritated by government censorship.

"One of the challenges all media have in China is to let people know,

'hey, there's news you're not getting,' " he said. "In Iran, that consciousness raising is unnecessary because everyone knows they're not getting anything. They can't get to movie sites or gossip sites. The Mullah firewall, if you will, closes down almost everything except a few sanctioned sites."

Some nations with less sophisticated firewalls have turned instead to denial-of-service attacks and other so-called second-generation Web repression tools. A denial-of-service attack is essentially an attempt to flood a website with requests until it overloads and becomes useless.

BBG's Persian-language Radio Farda, for example, has been hit with numerous denial-of-service attacks, aimed both at its website and at jamming phone lines during radio call-in programs.

So far BBG sites have been relatively immune from patching attacks, in which a hacker will break into a website's code and change some of its content, Berman said. There are frequent patching attacks on external sites that BBG programs link to, though, such as a broadcaster's Facebook page or Twitter profile.

In Russia, once the prime target of VOA broadcasts, BBG now is relying almost exclusively on Web-based video and print reporting, partially a result of Russia's success at jamming radio and TV broadcasts and also because of a significant decline in broadcast market share.

Ultimately, Berman said, while the circumvention tools have changed, the basic ideology has not.

"This really is just a continuation of this agency's attempts to overcome shortwave jams," he said. "Coping with jamming has been a way of life for this agency since the Cold War."

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BBG'S NET CIRCUMVENTION EFFORTS DESCEND FROM PREVIOUS DECADES' SHORTWAVE ANTI-JAMMING EFFORTS. Posted: 26 Aug 2011

VOA News, 22 Aug 2011, Matthew Hilburn: "A new web technology being championed by China is allowing a short-term gap in its so-called 'Great Firewall,' which blocks Chinese Internet users from sites blacklisted by the government in Beijing. Experts say how the gap is closed could have ramifications for the entire world. The gap exists because of IPv6, the next generation of Internet protocol designed to replace IPv4. The change is needed because the old system is about to

run out of IP addresses, the combination of numbers that identify your computer over the Internet. IPv6 will offer a nearly infinite number of IP addresses. ...

To answer the shortage, China has been a leader in rolling out IPv6. But it is only available to a small slice of the population, mainly in the big cities and around large universities. At least some of these users seem to be able to surf without blocking or filtering. ... 'Yes, I have used IPv6 to go around the firewall,' user 'Dxing' told VOA on Google +. 'For now, the firewall cannot deal with IPv6,' said user 'Brain,' a student in Heifei on Google +." (kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

\*\* INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. PLEASE write to Direct TV and express your unhappiness with their buck sucking decision to move channel 289, The NASA Channel, to a HD antenna and equipment configuration. The NASA Channel is still on #289, but you must have a 5LNB antenna and HD receiver to get it! You will also be forced to pay an additional ten dollars each month just to receive it! You can receive HD without a HD TV, but not without the 5 LNB antenna and HD receiver!

Each of the LNB elements on the oval dish shaped antenna receives a different satellite. My antenna is a 3 LNB 24 inch oval dish and does not receive any of the optional HD satellite signals. So I must upgrade all of my Direct TV equipment. However, I do not have to use a HD TV set to receive the NASA Channel!

The Administrator of NASA, Charles Bolden, lives in Virginia. He cannot receive NASA TV programs! Both before this latest change and after it went into effect.

Write to NASA and express your support of their fabulous educational programming and also to Direct TV expressing your displeasure with what they are doing to make more money which is depriving our children and grandchildren from being able to view the fine and very informative educational material that NASA broadcasts for students of all ages. We need those broadcasts to help our children and grandchildren learn all they can about math, science of all kinds and inner and outer planetary information.

Great listening to one and all!  
(Duane Fischer, W8DBF - WPE8CXO  
E-Mail: dfischer@usol.com  
Hallicrafters web site: www.w9wze.net  
HHRP web site: hhrp.w9wze.net  
SWL at qth.net via DXLD)

\*\* INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. VOA SOUTHERN AFRICA SATELLITE RADIO CHANNEL

ACTUALLY COVERS ALL OF SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA. Posted: 28 Aug 2011

WRN Broadcast press release, undated(!) but WRN tweeted link to it on 26 Aug 2011: "WRN Broadcast, the international broadcast managed services company, has announced the launch of their transmission of a new satellite radio service for Voice of America - VoA Southern Africa. This direct-to-home (DTH) service will cover all of sub-Saharan Africa on a popular satellite but the programming will largely be tailored to audiences in Zimbabwe. The new radio channel will air 24 hours a day and will be free to listeners. Initially, prominent programming includes the news show 'Studio 7', call-in programme 'Live Talk', as well as other content in English, Portuguese, Shona and Ndebele.

VOA Africa Division Director, Gwen Dillard, says home satellite use is growing around the world and this new service 'demonstrates Voice of America's commitment to bringing objective and reliable news programs to our audiences on platforms they are comfortable using.' Meanwhile WRN Broadcast added, 'we are pleased to provide another DTH satellite service for United States international broadcaster, VoA. Not only does DTH to small dishes have good audience penetration in countries such as Zimbabwe, it is also cost-effective compared with terrestrial alternatives'." (kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

-- Satellite dishes have become more popular in Zimbabwe, providing alternatives to the television monopoly within the country. Those Zimbabweans willing to listen to radio on their satellite television receivers can do so with greater audio quality than is usually possible via shortwave and transborder medium wave (Kim Andrew Elliott, *ibid.*)

\*\* INTERNATIONAL WATERS [and non]. Hi all, N4JTD has a list of frequencies that could be used during hurricanes.  
<http://www.freewebs.com/n4jtd/hurricanefreqlist.htm>  
(Claude Perkins, shortwavelistening yg via DXLD)

In anticipation of Irene's expected landfall in North Carolina, the ARRL HQ Emergency Response Team (HQERT) has established a website <http://www.arrl.org/irene> to keep amateurs informed of the latest developments. This website will also provide links to the NHC, WX4NHC or the Amateur Radio station at the NHC or the Hurricane Watch Net (HWN) and the Voice over Internet Protocol Weather Net (VOIPWX), where radio amateurs can send in their reports. The HQERT is currently monitoring various nets and providing support to the affected Field Organizations, and will be at W1AW, the Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Station beginning 7 AM EDT Saturday, August 27 (from <http://www.arrl.org/news/nhc-issues-hurricane-watch-for-portions-of-north->

carolina-arrrl-establishes-hurricane-irene-website  
via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

ATLANTIC HURRICANE SEASON 2011  
Southgate August 24, 2011

On the IARU-R1 website Greg G0DUB reports on the activation of the Hurricane Watch Net on August 22 and reminds us of the frequencies used by the nets.

The activation of the American Hurricane Watch Net on August 22nd in response to Hurricane Irene is a reminder that Amateur Radio continues to play a part in gathering and distributing information for the weather and emergency services each year.

Radio Amateurs in Region 1 are reminded that the following frequencies may be in use by nets in North and Central America to track and deal with the consequences of these severe weather events. It is possible for Region 1 amateurs to cause unintentional QRM to these nets so please listen carefully if operating near these frequencies:

14.300 MHz is used by the Maritime Mobile Service Net daily and as well as handling traffic from Maritime Mobile Stations, also gathers weather reports from maritime stations to assist forecasters.

14.325 MHz is used by the Hurricane Watch Net and the net is established whenever it appears that a storm may affect the US mainland. The net gathers weather information and links to the American National Hurricane Centre.

14.265 MHz is used by the Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network (SATERN) provides Health and Welfare traffic links for those in affected areas as well as supporting the Salvation Army Disaster relief response should a hurricane strike.

Frequencies used in Cuba: 7.045, 7.080, 7.110 MHz, 3.740 MHz

Frequencies used in Central America;  
Red Centro Americana : 7.090 and 3.750 MHz  
Guatemala: 7.075 MHz  
Nicaragua: 7.098 MHz

Mexico (FMRE): 3.690 and 7.060 MHz

Cuba and Mexico co-operate with long distance relays on 40 m when propagation makes this possible. Local emergency communications groups may also activate if a hurricane approaches their area and those frequencies would be announced at the time.

IARU Region 1

<http://www.iaru-r1.org/>

[http://www.southgatearc.org/news/august2011/atlantic\\_hurricane\\_season.htm](http://www.southgatearc.org/news/august2011/atlantic_hurricane_season.htm)

(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

\*\* IRAN. IRANIAN WEB USERS RANK HIGHEST FOR VISITS TO PORN SITES

Sat, 08/27/2011 - 17:53

<http://radiozamaneh.com/english/content/iranian-web-users-rank-highest-visits-porn-sites>

Authorities say Iranian internet users chalked up more visits to pornographic sites than people from any other country on Ashura Day, a Shiite day of mourning.

The Fars news agency reports that Ebrahim Bayani, a senior official of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps, told a meeting of IRGC commanders and administrators that the Revolutionary Guards Cyber Army has established that among internet users from 182 countries, Iranians made the highest number of visits to immoral sites on Ashura Day.

He added that these alarming statistics and the use of satellites mean we cannot expect the youth of the country to have any motivation to fast or go to mosque.

Iranian internet users are heavily restricted in their web access, barred from visiting several news sites and sites that the government deems immoral.

However, Iranian web users can overcome state restrictions with special software designed to break through filters.

Iranian Prosecutor Ghilamhossein Mohseni Ejei heads a committee that decides which websites should be blocked by the Islamic Republic government. The committee is comprised of representatives from the ministries of education, communications, intelligence, technology and culture, as well as representatives from national broadcasting and security forces.

Bayani argued that the enemies use cultural means and corrupt internet sites and satellite channels to separate the people from religion and deplete the regime from within.

He added that strikes against religious values such as hijab [the Islamic dress code] modesty, philanthropy and hard work, as well as the promotion of loose behaviour are among the aims of our enemies' satellite programming. (Radio Zamaneh via Media Network blog via DXLD)



\*\* ISRAEL. 9235, 28/8 2056, Galei Zahal, talks, songs, IDs, news, fair, fading (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italia, RX: RFSpace SDR-14 with SDR-Radio Software - ANT: T2FD 15 m long; QTH: Milan city, Italy; SW blog: <http://radiodxsw.blogspot.com/> HCDX via DXLD)

\*\* ITALY [non]. Re 11-34: New transmissions in Arabic from NEXUS-IBA IRRS Shortwave:  
0800-0815 on 11910 TIG 300 kW / 140 deg to N&ME/WeAS Wed  
1400-1415 on 11910 TIG 300 kW / 140 deg to N&ME/WeAS Fri, first noted on Aug. 19. 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, Aug 19, WORLD OF RADIO 1579, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Christian, or political? Not on the IRRS schedule itself as of Aug 24. Possibly there are additional broadcasts other days of week, to be checked (gh)

IRRS outlets via Romania, different antenna types given:  
205 AHR(S)4/2/0.3 - 8dipols curtain, half-wave dipole array.  
288 AHR(S)8/4/1.0 - 32dipols curtain, half-wave dipole array.  
925 HQ1/0.3 - Quadrant antenna, rather non-directional type.

7290	1730	1800	28W	TIG	150	290	205	1	I	ROU	fr	Aug	1
7290	1730	1800	18-20,27-30,37-39	MIL	150	0	925	1	I	ANT	fr	Aug	1
7290	1800	1900	28W	TIG	150	290	205	1234567	I	ROU			
7290	1800	1900	18-20,27-30,37-39	MIL	150	0	925	1234567	I	ANT			
7290	1900	2000	47,48	TIG	150	185	205	1234567	I	ROU			
7290	1900	2000	18-20,27-30,37-39,46-48,52,53										
				MIL	150	163	288	daily	I	ANT			
9510	0800	0900	18-20,27-30,37-40	MIL	150	0	925	7	I	ANT			
9510	0800	0900	28W	TIG	150	290	205	7	I	ROU			
9510	0930	1200	18-20,27-30,37-40	MIL	150	0	925	1	I	ANT			
9510	0930	1200	28W	TIG	150	290	205	1	I	ROU			
11910	0800	0815	28-30,37-41,48-50	MIL	300	115	205	4	I	ANT			
11910	1400	1415	28-30,37-41,49-50	MIL	300	115	205	6	I	ANT			
15610	1300	1400	41,55,58,59	TIG	300	100	288	1234567	I	ROU			
15610	1300	1400	28-35,39-45,49-51,54-60	MIL	300	270	288	1=Sun	I	ANT			

(Wolfgang B, schel, BC-DX Aug 27 via DXLD) `MILano` entries are cover for TIG (gh)

Re: New Arabic from IRRS on 11910 --- I missed the start of the Friday transmission at 1400. When tuning in shortly afterwards programming was in progress. It was kind of a radioplay, towards the end followed by solo of female announcer. Transmission ceased at 1415 by cutting off the carrier inmidst closing music.

When wrapping up she referred to <http://arabwomantoday.com> where I see Arabic content only. Needs to be checked out by someone who

understands Arabic. She also mentioned Amman, but I'm not sure if that meant the origin of these programmes (Kai Ludwig, Germany, 1423 UT Fri Aug 26, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Tnx to info from Ivo Ivanov, I alerted DXLD to a new Arabic broadcast from IRRS, he heard last Friday Aug 19 at 1400-1415 on 11910, but what is it, religious or political? Still not mentioned on the IRRS schedule. Just barely audible signal here at 1408 Aug 26, but Kai Ludwig in Germany heard website mentioned before closing, <http://arabwomantoday.com> and Andrea Lawendel found more by Googling:

Arab Women's Day Service  
Al. B 850 881  
Amman - Jordan 11185

From the Jordan Baptist Convention. One other time scheduled for this is Wed 0800-0815, both 300 kW, 140 degrees from Tiganeshti, ROMANIA on 11910 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello, I checked the website, and as expected it is a Christian website giving general info. to Arab women and referring to the bible as a source of a solution. I missed the transmission; if anyone has a recording maybe we can ID it. All the best (Tarek Zeidan, Cairo, Egypt, ibid.)

Google; it's not bad at it:

Basic objectives: Arab women will serve on the following main objectives during the next three years:

1. Provide Christian women in all Arab countries motivation, skills and knowledge they need to Barn leaders of tomorrow.
2. Building women's self-confidence and self-esteem.
3. Fight against violence and abuse against young women.

Info @ [awtministries.com](http://awtministries.com)  
Or by the following postal address:  
Arab Women's Day Service  
Al. B 850 881  
Amman - Jordan 11185

Please send support to the bank the following address:  
Credit: Jordan Baptist Convention

I noticed podcasts are available online. 73 (Andy Lawendel, Italy, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Phone number in Jordan: 962 6 5562330  
Area code 6 Amman, Abu Allanda

<http://arabwomantoday.com/contact-us>  
and post code 11185 Amman, Jordan  
(Wolfgang B. schel, ibid.)

Aha: <http://www.awtministries.com/english/radio.php>

So this is, as already pointed out, a project of the Jordan Baptist Convention, and the twice-weekly radio programmes are already on air as part of the program schedule of TWR Arabic via Cyprus 1233 kHz. Now shortwave has been added as another distribution platform.

The audio prominently offered at <http://arabwomantoday.com> should be these radio programmes, as transmit on 1233 and now also 11910 (Kai Ludwig, ibid.)

\*\* ITALY [non]. via Romania, 15610, IRRS, 1259-1359, August 24, tune-in to classical music. IRRS ID at 1300 and into lite instrumental music. English Overcomer Ministry program with Brother Stair at 1305. Covered by WEWN sign on at 1359. Poor to fair (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

15610, monitored the entire hour of IRRS relay via Tiganeshti, ROMANIA, Aug 30, which is supposed to be Brother Scare. 1259, ``Triumphal March from Aôda`` by Verdi which serves as IRRS theme music (I thought, how incongruous, we are about to hear the lowest of brows, Brother Scare`s). But instead:

1300 American-accented ``IRRS Shortwave, signing on``, minute of dead air; 1301 initially Firedrake-like percussion, then into modern jazz; 1306 harp music and talk in French! 1308 cut to English, 1309 outro news, mention San Francisco Chronicle, bits of Vivaldi, discussing events in the Bay Area, with Susan at 1315, bit of rock music; 1322 mention public radio, poor and fading. 1324 subject is the three-strike law in California, its pros and cons. One guest name sounded like Michael Rushforce. 1330 reception improves. Same subject continues, later with call-ins, e.g. from Oakland at 1355. Never could figure out which radio station originates this.

[Three strike law refers to severe penalties, mandatory long prison terms, even life, for those convicted of a third offense; it alludes to American baseball, ``three strikes and you're out``, i.e. your chances to hit the ball are over for the time being. A strike can be either a swing at the ball and missing it, or not swinging at it when it is within the specified area, all as called by the umpire. The analogy is a bit strained, since the strike count includes doing nothing!

California is most notorious for 3-Strikes, which overburdens the

prison system, but several other states have this too; see  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Three\\_strikes\\_law](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Three_strikes_law) for more]

1358, the WEWN 15610 carrier comes on, but IRRS still readable. 1358.5 Regina Cúli IS starts, followed by IRRS cutting off the California talkshow, with own ID, asking for reports to Milano, then Aôda theme again, mixing with WEWN sign-on at 1359.5, news, while IRRS music lasts until 1400:20\*.

What's going on here? On August 3 I had a similar log of a public radio talkshow from California during this hour instead of scheduled Brother Scare. Automated default to fill programming when the BS feed is lost? Accidental punchup in Romania of wrong satellite channel? (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Via ROMANIA. 15610, IRRS, 1259-1400\*, tune-in to classical music. English IRRS ID at 1300. One minute of dead air and into lite instrumental music at 1301. French talk at 1307, but into English at 1308 with iIn Historyî program. Program at 1310 about music. iForumî program at 1323 about California's iThree Strikes and Your Outî law and their criminal justice system. IRRS ID and contact information at 1359. Fair signal but mixing with WEWN at their 1359 sign on. No Brother Stair and his Overcomer Ministry program today. August 30 (Brian Alexander, PA, WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DX Listening Digest)

Brian and I were obviously listening to the same thing. Aha, 'Forum' means it came from KQED, their excellent talkshow which I never have time to listen to on KQED itself. This was the 10 am segment on August 16, details and audio:

<http://www.kqed.org/a/forum/R201108161000>

And the name I heard was Michael Rushford. Certainly a great improvement over BS; thank you, IRRS. It's about time KQED got a shortwave relay! But why? (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15610, it turns out that Brian Alexander in PA was monitoring the same hour as I, Aug 30 at 1259-1400 when IRRS via ROMANIA was not carrying Brother Scare but other (default?) programming, mainly the discussion about California's Three Strikes law; but he got the program name, 'Forum', which pinpoints it to have originated at KQED in San Francisco, so I replied: [as above]

I checked 15610 again Aug 31 at 1259, and there was IRRS ``Aôda`` theme, 1300 cut to Brother Scare, so no luck today in hearing something incomparably better. Still BS at some swift rechex later in the hour (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Via ROMANIA. 15610, IRRS, 1259-1310+, tune-in to classical music.

English IRRS ID announcement at 1300 and into religious music with Brother Stair and the Overcomer Ministry program. Fair. August 31 (Brian Alexander, Mechanicsburg, PA, USA, Icom IC-7600, two 100 foot longwires, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* ITALY [non]. Nauen o Wertachtal pari non son --- A seguito delle numerose lamentele dei nostri ascoltatori del nord Italia, torneremo presto ad utilizzare il sito trasmettente di Nauen piuttosto che quello di Wertachtal utilizzato sperimentalmente nelle ultime settimane. Dopo i disservizi sofferti in passato e il fastidioso effetto eco derivato dalla contemporanea attivita dal trasmettitore principale non presidiato di Nauen e quello di backup presidiato di Wertachtal, avevamo deciso di spostare definitivamente la nostra attivita presso quest'ultimo credendo che potesse darci maggiore affidabilita, come in realta È avvenuto. Lo stesso perÙ non puÙ dirsi per la diffusione in alcune regioni (vedi mappa), <http://www.bclnews.it/mappawertachtal.jpg> altamente penalizzante per il nord Italia, al contrario di quella di Nauen che riesce a servire perfettamente tutto il territorio nazionale. Vi invitiamo quindi ad inviarci i vostri rapporti d'ascolto gia da domenica prossima, quando cominceremo ad effettuare le prime prove per riportare tutto alla normalita (Roberto Scaglione <http://www.studiodx.net> shortwave yg via DXLD)

What is this all about? He doesn't spell it out, but must be talking about his own Italian DX program as linked in the signature, Sundays at 0902 UT on AWR Europe --- after suffering from echo with both sites in use, has been testing on 9790 via Wertachtal only, but that's too close, skipping over most of Italy except part of Sicily, so the site is being changed to Nauen, which is further north in Germany and should cover all of Italy perfectly (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* JAPAN. [re 11-34]. Japan: NHK to launch net radio next month Monday, August 29, 2011 11:46 AM

Wednesday 24 Aug 2011 --- NHK will launch a live online streaming service of its domestic radio channels, with its first programme airing at 11 a.m. on 1 September. The new service - NHK Net Radio - will also be known as "Radiu Radiu". Listeners will be able to enjoy NHK's three radio channels (Radio 1, Radio 2 and FM) by accessing <http://nhk.jp/netradio/>

From 1 October, NHK Net Radio will also be available on smart phones. NHK Net Radio will make access to the stations easier for listeners by solving reception problems inside buildings or in regions with wireless interference. NHK Net Radio is the first regular live stream service for NHK's domestic TV and radio channels. It can only be

accessed in Japan. SOURCE: <http://bit.ly/pk20su>  
(Via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DXLD)

\*\* JAPAN. 9840, NHK World, 1000, Aug 29, English s/on following IS and time pips, no ID just iWe bring you the news.î which was read by man and woman. Good (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia. Listening from my car with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, I have also noticed that strange, non-ID opening (gh, DXLD)

[non]. 15445, Aug 31 at 1815, enough of Islamicization from KUWAIT [q.v.], tuned down here to poor-fair signal with a song; 1816 Japanese announcement and another song, sounds like an American novelty tune from the WWII era in the forties, but in Japanese: were our enemies doing that too? Lyrix included ``hinky-dinky-doo``, and soon outtroed as ``Tokyo Shoe Shine Boy`` --- I think; I was not expecting to hear English words and may have converted some similar-sounding Japanese phrase unwittingly.

Yes, Google that title, and find there is such a song, with mp3s, YouTube and discussion, such as this, <http://www.technogirls.org/enka/> which says it dates from the immediate postwar era. Another example of SWling leading to learning a little about other cultures, rather than racking up QSLs and country totals.

Until 1830 back to KUWAIT, listened to several more such-era songs. Really fun programming, and only wished reception were better. This was R. Japan at 17-19, 250 kW, 135 degrees via Wertachtal, GERMANY.

I am still waiting and hoping for one of our bilingual readers to provide a translated program schedule of all NHK's Japanese music shows on SW. This may well repeat at a better time for us. Wonder if it's a domestic service relay from the nightmiddle (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* JAPAN. 3925, R. Nikkei-1, noted still on at 1419, August 25. Believe this is rather late for them; // 6055 (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3925, R. Nikkei-1, noted still on at 1434, August 30. So is the new schedule identical to // 6055? (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* JORDAN [non]. New Arabic women's program from here: see ITALY [non]

\*\* KASHMIR. Re 11-34: AIR Leh back on 4660 --- Leh missing this morning at 0140, last night they were there on 4660. Probably back on

4760, getting a weak station on 4760 buried under severe noise. ---  
(Alokesh Gupta, VU3BSE, New Delhi, Aug 26, dx\_india yg via DXLD)

\*\* KASHMIR [non]. 3975, 0140-0155, PAKISTAN, 29.08, R Pakistan, Rewat, Islamabad. Kashmiri interview about Kashmir, 55444 (Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

\*\* KOREA NORTH. KOREA D.P.R., 9665.356, 11679.926 kHz, KCBS Pyongyang, Kanggye-KRE at 0650-0705 UT Aug 24. On 9665.319 kHz at 0945 UT Aug 27, violin music orchestra.

9974.964, Voice of Korea at 0654 UT Aug 24, only carrier plus 1000 Hz tone measuring procedure, before Russian service starts at 0700 UT. 9974.963 at 0810 UT Aug 27, in Russian service.

13760.024, VoKorea Pyongyang in Russian, revolutionary kommentar at 0723 UT S=9+20dB. \\ 15244.969 at S=8 level at 0727 UT Aug 24. AT 1400 UT Russian on 9325.013 kHz, soldiers chorus, S=5 poor.

11735.017, VoKorea Pyongyang in Chinese, ladies chorus. 1345 UT Aug 24 (Wolfgang B,schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 27 via DXLD)

The Juche folk can't even put their transmitters on correct frequency; so can we really depend on them to carry out a nuclear attack properly? Precision is required (gh, DXLD)

\*\* KOREA NORTH. 11710, Voice of Korea, Aug. 26, 1430. Only fair signal, into French language programing, was a bit of audio underneath, but couldn't tell if it was English or other DPRK programming.

11710, V-o-Korea, Aug. 29, 1110. M with numerous refs to "Kim Jong-Il", all in French. Had another broadcast underneath, unable to make out if mixing product or co-channel station. DXer F. Mezek of Sun City (AZ) is saying he is hearing other Voice of Korea program under these broadcasts. I haven't been able so far to hear the vox-unders well enough to determine if that is the case or not (Rick Barton , El Mirage , Arizona, Hammarlund HQ-200, Drake R-8, outdoor slinky, 70' Inverted-L wire, 100' random wire, ABDX via DXLD)

HI GLENN - a DXer friend who lives near me (Frank Mezek, Sun City, AZ) has been claiming that when he hears Voice of Korea on 11710 that he hears the English service faintly in the background during the French broadcasts, and vice versa.

Acting on that tip, I've tried to listen myself, but my ears aren't good enough to tell for sure if he's right. But there definitely IS a

muffled broadcast underneath the VOK broadcasts at all times.

I'm not sure who would be co-channel, and I don't see a mixing product situation being possible (§ la WWCR). Wonder if it could be a case of them taping programs over old programs and some of the old audio is still coming thru?

I recall that was the case back in the day when I used reel to reel and cassette. The erasures weren't 100%. Just wondered what your opinion was. 73 and Good DX, (Rick Barton, AZ, Aug 29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Rick, Very interesting. I had not noticed that, but 11710 does have some co-channel QRM. I guess he is referring to the 10-17 UT period when VOK alternates French and English, except for Korean at 12-13. CNR1 Beijing is also on 11710, but in Mandarin of course during this entire period per Aoki. Taiwan is also on there at 11-13, with CNR1 jamming it.

Aside from the possibility the QRM could be from those, I agree that incompletely erased tapes could be the cause, as they don't have simultaneous English and French broadcasts on some other frequency to mix. Hmm, consulting WRTH, I see they DO have English on some other frequencies at 16-17 only, while French is on 11710 et al. What hours is he referring to? I'll have to listen more closely on a good day for reception from VOK (Glenn to Rick, via DXLD)

Please tell Glenn I'm referring to the UT period 13-17, when VOK alternates English and French, and also I hear the same kind of co-channel QRM on their Korean service starting at 17 UT. On the English I hear French, and on the French I hear English in the background. It usually is not faint, but easily heard. Frank Mezek (Via Rick Barton, DXLD)

So far in the 13 UT hour on 11710 the only QRM I can hear under VOK is Chinese. Signal is getting weak after that (Glenn Hauser, Aug 31, DXLD)

\*\* KOREA NORTH. 9650, Voice of Korea, Aug. 28, 1230. The DPRK wins today's "battle of the bands", hands down; no sign at all of KBS World, via Sackville, which should be relaying Angie Park's K-Pop countdown program. Instead, soprano vocalists (presumed) extolling the works and the wonders of the "great leader", and the gains of revolution (Rick Barton , El Mirage , Arizona, Hammarlund HQ-200, Drake R-8, outdoor slinky, 70' Inverted-L wire, 100' random wire, ABDX via DXLD)

\*\* KOREA NORTH [non]. 6135, Un-named clandestine (presumed), 1037-



1040\*, August 24. Korean pop song; het from Bolivia on the low side; no jamming yet; strong (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* KOREA NORTH [non]. 9950, Aug 27 at 1259 open carrier, 1300 opening in Korean with music, good signal enough to shoulder aside the DentroCuban jamming on 9955; is via TAIWAN, Nippon no Kaze, as it is known in Japanese, anti-kidnapping service, but could not make out such an ID nor in Korean. HFCC misleadingly lists this transmission as Babcock via CHINA in Japanese! See also TAIWAN 9960 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* KOREA NORTH [and non]. SOUTH KOREAN TV ěCAN NOW BE WATCHED IN REMOTEST NKí

South Korean TV programmes can now be watched even in the northernmost part of North Korea if the channels are adjusted secretly, according to Open Radio for North Korea. The radio station claims it is possible as far North as Onsong, North Hamgyong Province, which is just across the Duman (or Tumen) River from China.

Watching South Korean TV has become so prevalent that even when security officials find it out, residents stand up to them, telling them there is nothing worth watching on North Korean TV.

Read the full story from The Chosun Ilbo  
[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2011/08/24/2011082401036.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2011/08/24/2011082401036.html)  
(August 24th, 2011 - 15:54 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

2 Comments on iSo. Korean TV ěcan now be watched in remotest NKí

#1 Kim Andrew Elliott on Aug 27th, 2011 at 07:45  
We have to interpret cautiously the information from isourcesí in North Korea, especially when it is just one source.

Itís possible that North Koreans, who television sets adhere to the PAL transmission system, can receive degraded pictures from South Korean stations, which use the NTSC transmission system. It is also possible that North Koreans are acquiring Chinese-manufactured multi-system television sets, capable of receiving both NTSC and PAL signals.

North Hamyong Province, however, is 500 kilometers from the nearest possible South Korean television transmitter. Terrestrial reception over such a distance would be unlikely except during rare propagational skip conditions. A more likely explanation is that South Korean televisions shows are now available on Chinese television

channels, especially those serving the Korean community in China. Reception of Chinese channels, which use the PAL system, is much more likely in northern North Korea. Another possibility is that someone in that part of North Korea has access to a satellite TV receiver.

South Korea is scheduled to complete its transition to digital terrestrial television by the end of 2012. This will make it impossible for North Koreans, still using analog sets, to receive South Korean stations. North Koreans might, however, bring in Chinese-manufactured television sets capable of digital as well as analog reception. Digital television reception is *ifussier* than analog, so it will be more difficult for North Koreans to *iDX*, or achieve long distance reception of South Korean television.

The appetite for entertainment is infinite. North Koreans will go to great lengths to watch the shows they want to watch.

#2 Kai Ludwig on Aug 27th, 2011 at 11:03

Yes, a transmit 525/60 (mostly but not always, i.e. with the exception of Brazil, run with the NTSC colour system) TV image shows up on a set for 625/50 rolling and in other ways severely degraded. But what is such a distorted image good with no sound? Workarounds (AFN in Berlin prompted some messing around with old B&W sets) require a bit more than *isecretly* adjusting the channel.

And it is understood that TV as well as FM radio transmitters from the South do not even reach Pyongyang due to mountains in the way. Already here it would be a distance of at least 130 km, requiring a capable roof-top antenna to get any usable picture. Ever seen the impressive antenna forests that can still be found on abandoned buildings in Leipzig?

To me this reads as if something of interest is carried in program slots (note the hint at *ibest* reception between 9 PM and midnight) on some transmitter(s) in China. Would be interesting in regard to the media landscape there, but with such a vague source there is little point in speculating further.

By the way, an important point is the *iappetite* for entertainment. I have to shake my head when seeing mentions of the poor people of Dresden in the past being cut off from any information because no West German TV could be received there. Those who really wanted information and not just entertainment flipped on the radio and tuned to 756 kHz where Deutschlandfunk, transmitted from Braunschweig/K<sup>n</sup>igsutter with 800 kW, came in nicely. It not even needed longwave, nighttime skywave on mediumwave or shortwave (which again was a major source of entertainment, by way of Radio Luxemburg on 6090 kHz) (MN blog comments via DXLD)

\*\* KOREA SOUTH [non]. 15360, Aug 27 at 1852, thought it was Japanese pop music, but excuse me, it must have been Korean. 1854 Russian announcement. Scheduled is KBS, 250 kW, 62 degrees via Rampisham UK at 18-19. Yet another service that will have to find another site if Ramp gets shut as planned by Xmas (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* KUWAIT. 15540, Aug 31 at 1757, after VATICAN [q.v.] on 15570, I tuned down here to much better signal, R. Kuwait already on air, not in English, but S. Asian music and YL announcement in such a language, presumed Urdu as in the domestic Multilingual service which is not supposed to be on SW, but they just turn the transmitter on early. 1759 brief NA by military band; 1800 5+1 timesignal accurate to within a semisecond, English ID with time as 9 pm = 1800 UTC, plays NA again within a 2-minute period, sign-on claiming frequencies are 96.3, 93.3 and 11990, quick [p]review of programs starting with 'Under the Umbrella of Islam'.

Seems like a live rather than canned announcement as the program lineup varies from day to day, yet they remain clueless that they have not been on 11990 for years. Also, they used to announce the FM as 96.3, which matched the MW channel, how neat, impossible to do with North American allocations, but lately they have been saying 93.3. Since they can't get their SW frequency right, I have no idea whether this is right, either, but 93.3 is another listed channel.

By 1801.5, right into the Islam show, part 2, dealing with stories of conversions to Islam [that's fine, but beware of converting away!], announcer with American accent but other speakers in story-telling, dramatizations, laced with frequent quotations from the Qur'an. Outright Islamic proselytizing in English is still a rarity, vs just quoting and translating the HQ as Egypt and Iran do, but the novelty soon became tiresome, so tuned on to 15445; see JAPAN.

1830 I returned to 15540 for R. Kuwait's main English newscast, mainly about Syria and Libya. I was thinking it was more substantial, but finished already with fanfare at 1836 and on to essential pop music. At least it's 3 or 4 times as long as the 2050 headline news segment.

Meanwhile some strange QRM hit this and many other frequencies, with periodic peaks, but audible all the way from 11 to 24 MHz. A big peak was found at 19625: four noise pulses between pauses, the last one slightly longer as in an alarm-clock pattern, or a Morse V. No alarms going off inside WOR HQ, so whence? Took the DX-398 outside and it grew louder in one direxion, soon pinned onto an Enid Waste Management truck a block away with a claw picking up a huge pile of debris from a house which had been cleaned out. Flashing lights on the back of the truck ('keep 50 feet back', surely excessive), matched the noise

exactly. Whew, it soon would go away (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* LIBYA. Re 11-34, Libya TV --- ``I had been away from my dishes for a few weeks, but within a few minutes getting home and moving my dish to LJBC TV very unusual programming was seen. For many months Libya TV had dropped all regular programming and was running live pro-Gaddafi phone-in programs, commentary and coverage of pro-Gaddafi gatherings. The last hours before the screens went blank saw Libya TV revert to what you could consider "normal" programming of dramas, short musical interludes and soap operas which had all been missing on the channel for many months. At the time seeing this programming I was wondering if most had left the compound and the station was running on automation or perhaps with a minimum group of technical staff.`` (Mark Fahey, NSW)

Ah, this is another interesting puzzlestone, and I think we can safely proceed from your assumption. So what was the exact time at which you noted this?

So the final hours were just automated playout of random programming, and it was not necessarily the result of any action by a human when it went black screen but still with logo bug, indicating that the transmission chain was still up and running. That changed only when, as the reports we have at hand suggest, in the evening the uplink went off, perhaps also alone but presumably rather by the hand of some human (who? why?).

It is also remarkable that the radio side apparently ceased all activities in the late evening of Saturday, since on Sunday not only the mediumwave transmitters have no longer been switched on but also the still running satellite feed had no audio anymore if I interpret the reports correct. And the Sabratah shortwave facility is reportedly no longer working already since August 15.

I think it is pretty unusual that storming broadcasting facilities in a revolution results in nothing but a complete shut-down. For comparison just check out the video tapes from Romanian TV in 1989 which should still be available on Youtube. Makes me wonder what was and is going on in Tripoli. Looks as if broadcasting there has not been liberated but killed off altogether, unlike what has been reported from eastern Libya in recent months, which does not make it appear as a matter of course how things now went in the capital.

Are the black images that were LJBC relays still there or have the third party uplink providers meanwhile taken them off the multiplexes? (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Aug 25, dxldy via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* LIBYA. MW: 1053 Reactivated. Hello DXers, Based on a tip from my friends Patrick Robic and Mauno Ritola, they picked up 1053 kHz with some Arabic talks on 25/8 around 0130 UT. I double checked the frequency on 26/8 and noticed that they signed on at 1800 UT carrying the audio stream of Radio Libya (used to be known as Libya Alhurra - Free Libya in English) operated by Al Jazeera network from Qatar. Lately they changed the name of the network to be Libya TV instead of Libya Al Hurra. For a live stream of the TV network:  
<http://www.libya.tv>

This is the second MW frequency to be carrying audio stream of TV network; as I reported earlier this week 1125 kHz was carrying the audio stream of Aljazeera TV.

The other MW frequencies which used to be operated by Gadaffi's regime are all silent, 972/1251/711, but I noticed the website of Voice of Africa <http://www.voiceofafrica.com.ly/> is still on but supporting the rebels, now mainly using the reports of Aljazeera dot net. All the best (Tarek Zeidan, Cairo, Egypt, 1320 UT Aug 26, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Does that page link to anything in English? All those itemID numbers rolling over hotlinx are NOT helpful. An interesting link in the lower left is <http://www.algathafi.org/> but it cannot be displayed, wonder why? (gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DXLD)

Re: Libya MW: 1053 Reactivated. With the Google translator one can make out something of it. Pretty interesting: It is the old template, still with menu points like "talks of the leader", from which the contents have been removed. I suspect that someone logged into the CMS as author, having no possibility to change the layout. And I would not be surprised if it are just the guys in Qatar.

ljbnc.net does simply not connect, as it is the case already for at least some weeks. And <http://allibiya.ly> has perhaps never been activated and always used as a mail domain only. I got the latter URL from the famous appearance of TV commentator Hala Misrati early last Sunday that mostly circulates as crappy low bitrate, at least in some cases even distorted (4:3 video messed up for 16:9) video but of which I also found this decent still:  
<http://sbclive.net/sbca/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/Hala-Misrati1.jpg>  
(Kai Ludwig, ibid.)

1449, 27/8 2310 R. Libia - Tripoli, Arabo, insulti a Gheddafi, buono (Roberto Pavanello, Vercelli / Italia, shortwave yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DXLD)

Henceforth we dispense with distinction between LIBYA and LIBYA FREE

**\*\* LIBYA. "BROADCASTING HOUSE" ITEM ON NEW LIBYAN RADIO STATIONS**

BBC Radio 4's flagship Sunday morning current affairs show is proving a real goldmine for DXers and radio enthusiasts in general this summer!

Today's programme featured a piece by a Libyan monitor at BBC monitoring about the new wave of radio stations and the change of programme styles and tone since the uprising began in February. It includes several brief clips and some very interesting analysis by the monitor.

The feature, which lasts about 4 minutes, starts about 25 minutes into the programme, just before the 9.30 news summary.

As usual, it should be available on BBC i-player in all territories for the next seven days, from about 10.00 GMT this morning, as well as Radio Player (Mark Savage, Feltham UK, Aug 28, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

Here it is, including recipes; Libya from 26 minutes in:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qnj3>

(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Also as downloadable podcast at

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/bh>

(Andy Lawendel, Italy, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**\*\* LUXEMBOURG [and non].** A few recordings on the following, with the date (23Aug'11) & times (subtract 1 h for UT) being indicated on each [deliberately unedited] label: (see attachments)

1.02 MB clip\_LUX relay+Braz. stn (+Saudi Ar.)

1440\_CRI in Engl. via LUX, unID Brazilian station airing SRDA stuff,

Saudi Arabia Heard too: for me at least, two forms of simultaneous airwaves pollution - CRI & the program sent by Brazilian station.

Antenna used: K9AY beamed 225f; AM mode (6 kHz BW) & U/LSB mode

(2.7 kHz BW).

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dxld/attachments/folder/2074804389/item/list>

73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Attachments like this are available only to members of the dxldyg (gh)

**\*\* MALAYSIA [and non].** 6049.6, Asyik FM via RTM, 1059, August 23. Most days now this is on 6050.02v (noted as high as 6050.04v on August 14); so this lower frequency has become an anomaly for them; August 24 back to 6050.02v again (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6050, Aug 25 at 1157, music with fast SAH, so RTM relay of Asyik FM must be on 6050.02 today instead of 6049.62v, as John Wilkins C0 notes they keep switching between these two transmitters from day to day. Can't be sure if the music was from that or HCJB, with which Malaysia produces an AH when further off-frequency (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

1251-1257, August 29. RTM carried a special economic speech in vernacular; frequent mentions of iringgitî (their currency); all // 5964.6v Klasik Nasional, 6050.0v Asyik FM (QRM PBS Xizang/Tibet), 7295 Traxx FM and 9835 Sarawak FM. Found by Googling - Perhaps it was the International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed with today's news about the vast increase in the amount of foreign direct investments (FDIs) into Malaysia. Same speech also heard by Glenn at the same time on 9835; while I was mostly listening to 6050.0v.

6050.02v, Salam FM via RTM. Is this an actual programming change or just an anomaly? 1420-1500, August 31. Lively DJ in vernacular with dedications for pop songs; on air phone call; 1500 1+1 pips; another singing iSalam FMî ID; reciting from the Qur'ân. For a long time was always R. Suara Islam after 1400; this needs more checking. A typical iSalam FMî segment from the past at <http://www.box.net/shared/jrcocuzjmc dhq11jajz7> (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* MALAYSIA. 7295, RTM, Kajang. Pop songs in English, ID at 1659 iTrax FMî and "Good morning, the news" in English from 1700 on 25/8 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF-2001, 16m Marconi antenna), Sept Australian DX News via DXLD)

\*\* MALAYSIA. 9835, MALAYSIA-SARAWAK, Sarawak FM/RTM Kajang 1121-1203, Pop ballads in listed Malay with W announcer between selections; Kor'an chants from 1150 with occasional W announcer talk; Arabic sounding talk at 1202 into a snippet of Arabic music; back to Malay ballad at tune/out; no discernible ID noted; poor-fair; 8/29 (Scott R. Barbour Jr. Intervale, N.H. USA, NRD-45, MLB-1, 200' Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) TO Sarawak, not from (gh)

9835, Aug 29 at 1228, Qur'an squeezed by ACI, but RTM is apparently sporadically active. At 1251, speech in Malay, mentions ``subsidy``, over CCI, flutter; By 1254 the CCI is gaining. What could that be? HFCC, Aoki and EiBi show nothing else on 9835 until India at 1315 or 1330, tho there are plenty of collisions at other times.

11665 is an even worse frequency choice for RTM's Sarawak service: I

can never hear it, just a het with the Chinese radio war, such as Aug 29 at 1341, CNR1 echo-jamming vs Taiwan at 04-06 and 10-17 per Aoki (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11665, 28/8 2234, RTM Wai FM, songs, phone talks, IDs, weak to fair, fading, "clean" channel (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italia, RX: RFSpace SDR-14 with SDR-Radio Software - ANT: T2FD 15 m long; QTH: Milan city, Italy; SW blog: <http://radiodxsw.blogspot.com/> HCDX via DXLD)

\*\* MAURITANIA. 7245, Radio Mauritanie. 0005 August 28, 2011. Unusual sing-song Qur'an poetry in what seemed to be not-quite Arabic, then Arabic male ID, mentioning "... al-Islamiyah al-Mauritaniyah" at 0008. Excellent signal (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7245, Aug 30 at 0523, IGIM with characteristic chanting; as Ramadan is about to end, I assume it will shortly revert to previous schedule ex-24 hours, of signing on later around 0600. At 0548 had switched to lively music, so maybe the Eid celebration was already underway.

7245, Aug 31 at 0522, IGIM still on earlier than usual, but W&M talk in Arabish, rather than chanting. With Ramadan over, we are expecting this to cease 24-hour operation and sign on circa 0600 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also GUINEA

\*\* MEXICO. Late Summer Latin DX --- Hi Glenn, Despite the title of this email, I've been catching some darn good DX all summer long. I'm one that would argue that there's actually an "off-season" for MW DX. The LAm highlights from this month are below and are all new stations for my Okieland MW log. I hrd the majority of these stations using the Sony T-615 w/ a Select-a-Tenna. I'm also utilizing a cheap little audio equalizer, the Koss EQ-50 which really helps overcome my T-615's tendency to have low volume issues, plus the added benefit of adjusting the overall sound.

1540, XESTN, Monterrey, NL, 0430 UT, 8/27/11, with an all talk format, they were discussing all kinds of topics (wish I knew exactly WHAT they were). Taking phone calls at times. Heard a few "Radio Red" IDs and a full call letter ID at 0450 // their online stream.

1480, XEHM, Ciudad Delicias, CH, 0820 UT, 8/27/11, mostly playing pop styled music. Long ad strings with many mentions of Chihuahua. Noted several "La HM Radio" IDs. One station promo ment'd "Su emisora en Chihuahua".

680, XEORO, Guasave, Sinaloa, 1115-1205 UT, 8/24/11, mostly back to back music. Played a variety of songs from ranchera to Brazilian



sounding música de amor with instrumental guitars. Numerous "La Mera Jefa" slogans heard. Full ID with call letters at 1155. After 1200 they were all talk until fade out. Heard mentions of "noticias en punto" during this time.

920, XECQ, Culiacán, Sinaloa, 1133-1153 UT, 8/23/11, ad strings, bandera music, and station promos/IDs heard until a US station (not sure who) went to day power and wiped everyone else out. IDs/slogans heard were: "La Nueva Nueva", "La Ranchera AM", and "La Ranchera Culiacán." I also noted one call letter ID with a heavy echo. G signal during their peaks.

1010, XELO, Chihuahua, CH, 0657 UT, 8/14/11, this was one of those "alive" frequencies that we've discussed here before to a limited degree. I didn't have long to wait before hearing two LAm stations o/u each other. Near the TOH, this one clearly ID'd as "...la número uno en Éxitos...La X." The other station was later ID'd as XEVK with "La Poderosa" IDs. A relog here, but not often heard.

1040, XEHES, Chihuahua, CH, 1120-1147 UT, 8/6/11, this one started as a super weak sig underneath XEGYS (Sonora) and WHO. By 1125 they were up and copiable with a pop music format. They played some great old 70's hits from the USA and a few in Spanish as well. IDs were confusing at first. Noted several call letter IDs but with a very heavy echo effect. Slick production from this one to say the least. One of the slogans heard went something like "Escuchas 10-40 (diez-quarenta) la número uno, Radiorama." Heard a funny local ad that mentioned something about beating the stampede to a certain store in Chihuahua. I wish my Spanish was better. Slick canned ID/slogans mentioned "en 10-40 AM en Chihuahua." Really a fun reception.

1280, XEAW, Monterrey, NL, 1130 UT, 8/5/11, been trying to ID this one for quite a while now. This AM their signal was good enough to be heard at a copiable level in a null from our semi-local station KSOK (Arkansas City, KS). Heard with all rapid-fire Spanish talk. Seemed to be all news and many ads. Heard an ad for what sounded like "Home Depot." IDs were "A-W Noticias." (ah-doble-oo noticias).

I hope all is well with you. It's been a busy summer here. I'm still working anywhere from 50-56 hours a week, so that leaves little time for keeping in touch with friends. There's one thing that being busy probably won't ever hamper though --- listening to the radio.

Take care. Have you been hearing anything interesting on MW lately? Forgive me for not being up to date on your loggings and observations. I hope this winter I might have a bit more time to get back into the full swing of DXing. 73 for now, -K- (Kirk Allen, Ponca City OK, Aug 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Howdy Glenn, Overnight I tuned around for more than 3 hours and finally came up with one new logging, another XE. Thought you might wanna try to catch this one if you've not logged them before.

790, XEGAJ, Guadalajara, Jalisco, 1200 UT, 8/28/11, all talk format with many "Grupo Fórmula" network IDs. A local M announcer broke in with call letter ID and mentions of "Escuchas Primera Cadena en 9-70 kilohertz, Radio Formula." A quick TC mentioning "en Jalisco" and back to network programming. Very good signal until rapid fade out 1230 UT (Kirk Allen, Ponca City, Aug 28, ibid.)

\*\* MEXICO. 760, Aug 25 at 1158 VG signal where none had been a minute or two earlier, soon ID as ``La Preciosa``; thought they said 15-60, but must have been 7-60. Cant' pins this right on:  
760 XEEB Preciosa Cd. Obregon, Son. 5,000 1,000

870, Aug 25 at 1159 Mexican NA, fading but then could copy sign-on mentioning Tarahumara, so doubtless XETAR, per Cant':  
870 XETAR La Voz de la Sierra Tarahumara Guachochi, Chih. 10,000 D = daytime only, heard many times before and better, but always fun to get this native station.

1030, Aug 25 at 1200, good signal from Mexican choral NA, but faded into QRM by 1201, volatile sunrise skip conditions (officially 1157 UT in Enid today). At least it wasn't KCTA, Corpus Christi, potential spoiler in Spanish.

[and non]. Sunrise skip MW DX:  
610, Aug 27 at 1159, ``Sûlo por la G-S``, 5:59 time, therefore per Cant': 610 XEGS La Ley Guasave, Sin. 1,000 500  
But did not hear ``La Ley`` mentioned; still vigent?

1160 mystery, solved: not a Mexican: see U S A

Sunrise DX August 28, UT:

650, at 1159 Aug 28, Mexican history item, 1200 ID as ``Radio 65 FM``, then mentions 106.5 FM y 650 AM. How convenient: Cant' shows:  
106.5 XHTNT Radio 65 + AM 650 Los Mochis, Sin. [no power on FM; new?]  
650 XETNT Radio 65 + FM 106.5 Los Mochis, Sin. 5,000 1,000

We seem to have a pipeline from Los Mochis this morning as well as several previous sunrises:

770, at 1201 Aug 28, ``Los 40 Principales`` full ID with XEREV, i.e.:  
770 XEREV Los 40 Principales + FM 104.3 Los Mochis, Sin. 5,000 100  
BTW, KKOB 770 NM nondirexional day pattern starts in Aug at \*1230 UT, Sept \*1245, Oct \*1315

870, at 1202 Aug 28 choral NA, 1203 mentions ``en esta hermosa Sierra Tarahumara`` then into indigenous language, from XETAR, Chihuahua.

920, at 1204 Aug 28, ID as R. Capital, Hermosillo, i.e. per Cant':  
920 XEHQ Radio Capital Hermosillo, Son. 5,000 1,000

990, at 1214 ID as Radio MÈxico 990 AM, ``todo MÈxico``. Radio MÈxico is the name of a group, not a particular station. Here's their own listing:

<http://www.gradiomex.com/default.asp?pid=15992>

But nothing on 990. Info there is © 2009, so quite possibly outdated. Thru Cant' state-by-state listings for 990s in western MÈxico I don't find any matches. (Before 1200 I was getting a strong 990 with temp in C, presumed XET Monterrey 50 kW). ``Radio MÈxico`` possibly just a generic mention as heard here, not a corporate name, altho the Group should assert its exclusive right to say it?

Sunrise MW DX Aug 29:

750, Aug 29 at 1159, an anthem, but not Mexican national, soon obvious from the lyrics that it's the Sinaloa state hymn; 1201 ID or sign-on mentions 89.5 FM y 750 AM, ergo per Cant':

750 XECSI Stereo Vida + FM 89.5 Culiac·n, Sin. 5,000 250

DXLD correspondent Ing. Civ. Israel Gonz·lez Ahumada, M.I., in MÈrida, Yucat·n, has just rounded up videos of many state songs, official or not, including Sinaloa's: ``(No tiene himno; lo consideran su himno)``  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eErA7omckaE>

Then I played it, titled:

``Chayito ValdÈz "El Sinaloense" ( REINA DE LA CANCION RANCHERA )``  
and I'm afraid that is a completely different song from the one on 750, which was not in ranchera style, certainly a more majestic and fitting paeon, M cantor mentioning Sinaloa several times. I had to side-tune to 752 to evade splatter from KRMG 740 Tulsa already on day power and pattern. The video includes several clips of cock-fighting as if that were something to be proud of, the state sport?

830, Aug 29 at 1202, mentions 830 AM and Sinaloa, 6:02 time; Cant':  
830 XEVQ La Grande de Sinaloa Culiac·n, Sin. 5,000 1,000

880, Aug 29 at 1158, Full ID, as XERFR, Grupo FÙrmula. Unfortunately, that is the network flagship in the DF on 970 with 50 kW during daytime. Fortunately, Cant' shows only one FÙrmula on 880:  
880 XEV Radio FÙrmula Chihuahua, Chih. 5,000 250

Sunrise skip Aug 30:

610, Aug 30 at 1156, ``est's escuchando 'Así Suena Sinaloa', por G-S``  
610 XEGS La Ley Guasave, Sin. 1,000 500 as in Cant'

660, Aug 30 at 1157, mentions Ciudad de Santa Rosa, and then ``aquí en Delicias``, i.e.:

660 XEACB Radio 660 Cd. Delicias, Chih. 3,000 1,000

[condiglisteros mention that Aug 30 is Saint Rose of Lima Day, important especially in Per'; maybe that's what I heard mentioned]

900, Aug 30 at 1159 Mexican NA, 1201 sign-on but only snatches copied, mentioned ``oeste del estado``, ``Grupo Divertida``, BZ? And right into rather radical political speech for several minutes until fade-out. Cant' shows the only 900 in NW Mexico is this:

900 XEDT La Reina Cd. Cuauhtemoc, Chih. 5,000 1,500

and link to website <http://www.lareina900.com/> credited at the bottom to ``Grupo Radio Divertida, Chihuahua, Chih. MÈxico``. Divertida = fun

Mexican NAs were playing around 1200 UT on several other frequencies, but can't catch them all with simultaneous sign-on IDs, as I log everything in real time with my own ears.

Sunrise DX August 31, LSR here being 1202 UT:

920, Aug 31 at 1205 UT, NA just ending so must have started late, then picked a 'Radio Capital' ID out of the QRM, so it's XEHQ, Hermosillo, Sonora, again. But I started late too, missing the pileup of openings at 1159+.

1040, Aug 31 at 1210 UT novelty song, 1211 jingle ID mentioning ``Once . . . N'mero Uno, La Primera``, and timecheck for 5:10, so it's XEGYS in Guaymas, again, thus reminding us that Sonora stays on MST of UT-7 just like, and because of, neighboring Arizona. Not sure where the ``11`` comes from unless they are rounding the frequency way off to the hi side as on a badly-calibrated analog dial? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* MEXICO. Re 11-34: HIMNOS DE LOS ESTADOS MEXICANOS

Le envío informaciôn para que espero le sirva para identificar a la emisora mexicana desconocida en 890 KHz que menciona en su 'ltimo informe bas·ndome en la p·gina de Fred Cant' y alguna de mis investigaciones:

XEFRT Radio Frontera + FM 92.5 Comitán de Domínguez, Chis.

[http://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/Himno\\_a\\_Chiapas](http://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/Himno_a_Chiapas)

[http://es.wikisource.org/wiki/Himno\\_del\\_estado\\_de\\_Chiapas\\_%28mex%29](http://es.wikisource.org/wiki/Himno_del_estado_de_Chiapas_%28mex%29)

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yHTirc\\_5nJ8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yHTirc_5nJ8)

XEAK Radio Consentida Ac·mbaro, Gto. 1100-0300 UT  
<http://www.correo-gto.com.mx/notas.asp?id=132396>  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7yHvxVYpxes>

XEPNA Radio Joya Tepic, Nay.  
[http://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/Himno\\_a\\_Nayarit](http://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/Himno_a_Nayarit)  
<http://es.scribd.com/doc/14846476/Himno-a-Nayarit>

XENZ La Sinaloense + FM 92.9 Culiac·n, Sin.  
(No tiene himno) (lo consideran su himno) [see our 750 report - gh]  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eErA7omckaE>

XEBY Radio F·rmula Tuxpan, Ver.  
[http://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/Himno\\_Veracruzano](http://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/Himno_Veracruzano)  
[http://es.wikisource.org/wiki/Himno\\_Veracruzano](http://es.wikisource.org/wiki/Himno_Veracruzano)  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UzgN8yQUf2M>

XEPC Sonido Estrella Zacatecas, Zac.  
[http://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marcha\\_de\\_Zacatecas](http://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marcha_de_Zacatecas)  
[http://es.wikisource.org/wiki/Marcha\\_Zacatecas](http://es.wikisource.org/wiki/Marcha_Zacatecas)  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NWdB26F5wLQ>  
(s·lo lo encontr· instrumental) Atte: (Ing. Civ. Israel Gonz·lez Ahumada, M.I., Yucat·n, Aug 26, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Israel, Muy bien! Gracias por su trabajo, decimos Terry y yo. Aun mejor si pueda encontrar otros m·s (Glenn to Israel, via DXLD)

Re: Himnos de los estados mexicanos.

Aqu· hay una lista de los dem·s que he encontrado en audio:  
Aguascalientes: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gl6ROFdVr3I>  
Baja California: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PP654zyj9gs>  
Baja California Sur:  
Campeche: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-5lDaFoy\\_eU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-5lDaFoy_eU)  
Chiapas: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yHTirc\\_5nJ8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yHTirc_5nJ8)  
Chihuahua: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EQd5MS5b0VQ&feature=related>  
Coahuila: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XNBdQpd340w&feature=related>  
Durango:  
Guanajuato: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7yHvxVYpxes>  
Guerrero: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q4lU00T\\_1cA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q4lU00T_1cA)  
Hidalgo:  
Jalisco:  
M·xico: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BGL76DYLRPs>  
Michoac·n  
Morelos: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tFA\\_DRnjHXc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tFA_DRnjHXc)  
Nayarit:  
Nuevo Le·n: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yAHLc1sgCFU>

Oaxaca: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e5292ZZnG6A>  
Puebla: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tg0Xj-Pa7M0>  
Querétaro:  
Quintana Roo: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uLX4J9KusLo>  
San Luis Potosí:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YUbMmpTow6Y&feature=related>  
Sinaloa:  
Sonora:  
Tabasco: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iiZeZkVDQYE>  
Tamaulipas: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sz4H1oTu0-g>  
Tlaxcala: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wSg1ShasgCY>  
Veracruz: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UzgN8yQUf2M>  
Yucatán:  
Zacatecas: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=htVyKAAGx8U>

Ignoro porqué no han subido el de Yucatán. Atte: (Ing.Civ. Israel González Ahumada, M.I., Aug 29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* MICRONESIA. Video on Galcom helping set up The Cross Radio:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wYkkmPwJJlc>  
(via Mike Barracrough, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Says initial SW operation failed because it skipped over the nearer islands, heard instead in Japan. I doubt this: skip zone on 4755 is not very great, and the DXers in Japan have much better equipment, and dare I say, motivation, to pick it up. Results are better near and far since new antenna installed earlier this year, about which there are no details except it was put above the FM antenna. NVIS? Unseems. To reach an area as large as CONUS, that would be too restrictive (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4755.44, PMA-The Cross Radio, 1045, August 24. Christian songs; short sermon with iThis is the Cross Radioi ID; more songs; 1059 local TC and ID along with frequency (88.5 FM); off the air shortly after 1102; poor (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÚn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

PMA The Cross: Weak S=3-4 signal - just above threshold, fluttering and weak at 0817 UT Aug 27 on 4755.417 kHz, measured on remote SDR unit in southern California (Wolfgang B,schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 27 via DXLD)

4755.4, The Cross, 1047, Aug 29. Gospel songs and man in English. Poor (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia. Listening from my car with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4755.4, presumed V6MP PMA The Cross, Pohnpei 1008-1026, Lengthy talk poking through band noise; not enough to detail but best I've had to

date; very poor in ECCS-USB; 8/30 (Scott R. Barbour Jr. Intervale, N.H. USA, NRD-45, MLB-1, 200' Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4755.44, PMA-The Cross Radio, running past 1350, August 30. Someone forgot to turn off the Xmtr again! 1227 spot for James Dobson; 1231 iThe Cross Radio is a ministry of Pacific Mission Fellowshipî; poor to almost fair. Glenn, I took your advice and did not contact Sylvia about their being on late (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* MONGOLIA. 12085, tentative Voice of Mongolia, 1029, Aug 29. Musical IS repeated, 1030 piece of music, possibly an anthem, followed by a speaker. Just above threshold. Needs more checks. Very weak (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia. Listening from my car with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* MOROCCO. Medi 1 silent 9575 today 07-08 UT, still missing 13 UT. Not a case of poor reception. Have they abandoned HF? Other media better for music. Noticed RTM 15340 or 45 on at 13 UT. Think that is also Nador after Briech closure. So site OK (Derek Lynch, Ireland, 1536 UT Aug 29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Cf. my AUSTRALIA report today that Morocco was also missing from 15341 but back later. Further chex needed of 9575! (gh)

Medi 1, strong signal at 1750. Regards (Jean-Michel Aubier, ibid.)

9575 back again with positive ID, Arabic news re Libya at 19 UT, was on before the hour too. It's weak, but then it is squeezed between other powerhouses at this time of evening anyway (Derek Lynch, ibid.)

\*\* MYANMAR. 5770, Myanmar Defense Forces Broadcasting Station, 1328, August 25. Recently I believe they have changed their format a little; at the BoH (their local ToH) they are no longer playing their distinctive military marching band music, as they had for many years. Is now just their usual indigenous instrumental music. I very much miss hearing the marching band! Perhaps a listener in Asia can confirm this is always the case now at the BoH? Thanks for any assistance!

7185.74, Myanma Radio sign-offs:

August 21 ñ 1224\*

August 22 ñ 1227\*

August 24 ñ 1224\* (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* MYANMAR/BURMA. This country seems to be in a state of flux at the present time. The New York Times recently observed:

In recent weeks there have been signs that reformers, led by Thein Sein, a former general who was elected president in February, have the upper hand. The government has proposed peace talks with armed rebel groups that are battling the military for control over resources and for more autonomy. Officials have met three times in the last month with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, the country's leading dissident, who was released from house arrest in November.

Other changes have been more symbolic. The state-run newspapers are refraining from publishing slogans like "Riots beget riots, not democracy" [the anti-VOA, BBC, RFA and DVB slogan]. The government has also allowed publications that do not deal with politics or history to publish without prior censorship. (Any newspaper articles that touch on politics must still be submitted to a censorship board). The bar for freedom of expression is set so low here that journalists rejoiced when it was announced that they would be allowed into Parliament for its current session, which began Monday.

August 30, I observed changes with two of the Myanmar Radio transmitter assignments.

5985.0, via Naypyidaw; ex- 5985.83v via Yangon; checking from 1248 till 1432; in vernacular and playing EZL pop songs; somewhat better reception than heard during this past summer.

7200.04v; ex-7185.74; first day back on this former frequency; 1145-1221:49\*; fair with light ham QRM; in vernacular and EZL pops songs; 1220 played their usual signature instrumental theme music (indigenous).

I have spent several hours recently checking for the anti-VOA, BBC, RFA and DVB slogan, but have not heard it; hardly conclusive it's really gone, but could be (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

August 31 both back on usual frequencies; so yesterday was a one day anomaly. 5985.83v via Yangon at 1149 and 1418. 7185.74 at 1143. (Ron Howard, ibid.)

It has changed again --- Myanmar is back on 7.185.7 on the Hong Kong tuner and not as loud as it is here. Does not seem to stay on the same channel (Robin L. Harwood, Norwood, Tasmania 7250, Icom R70 to an indoor antenna. 1239 UT Aug 31, ibid.)

\*\* NETHERLANDS. CAUSE OF HOOGERSMILDE FIRE REMAINS CONFIDENTIAL  
The remains of the Hoogersmilde mast. Photo © ANP



State-owned company Novec, which owns the transmission masts used by Dutch radio & TV broadcasters, says it now knows the cause of the fire at the Hoogersmilde transmission tower on 15 July. The heat caused the metal mast to collapse, causing widespread disruption to FM transmissions serving the north of the country. However, Novec has decided not to make the details of its findings public for the time being.

The fire at Hoogersmilde occurred only hours after a smaller fire at another main transmitter site at IJsselstein (Lopik) which serves the densely populated central Netherlands. It still isn't clear if the two fires were connected or just a bizarre coincidence.

The IJsselstein fire has resulted in the power of the transmitters at the station being temporarily reduced to just ten percent of normal, under the orders of Novec. Transmission provider Broadcast Partners considers this to be excessively cautious, and took out a court injunction against Novec, which was due to be heard today. However, this was scrapped at the last minute and the two parties have decided to resume talks about a speedy solution, with the help of an as-yet unnamed third party.

In the meantime, the Dutch public news & information network network Radio 1 is continuing its temporary use of 648 kHz mediumwave from the former BBC transmitter at Orfordness in the UK (August 25th, 2011 - 12:38 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

#### MINISTER APPOINTS MEDIATOR TO SETTLE RADIO MAST CONFLICT

Dutch Minister of Economic Affairs Maxime Verhagen has appointed the former deputy Mayor of Rotterdam, Marco Pastors, as mediator between Novec and Broadcast Partners in the dispute over safety at the Lopik transmitting station. He has been given two weeks to work out how the power of the transmitters can be safely increased.

On 15 July, fires broke out at the masts of Lopik and Hoogersmilde. The investigation into the cause of the fire at Lopik is still ongoing. As a precaution, and for reasons of safety, the state-owned administrator of the masts, Novec, has limited the transmitting power to 10 percent of normal. FM reception of the national broadcasters and several commercial radio stations in the centre of the Netherlands is therefore severely degraded.

Transmission provider Broadcast Partners believes this power restriction is excessively cautious, and threatened to take Novec to court. At the last minute, the two parties agreed to continue discussions with the help of a mediator.

It is extremely irritating that the poor reception has lasted for so long, said the minister. That is why I have appointed a mediator. The safe restoration of the normal range of the masts has priority. The task of Mr Pastors will be to balance quality of reception against safety. He will be assisted by an independent technical expert (Source: Radiofreak.nl) (August 27th, 2011 - 14:03 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

\*\* NETHERLANDS [non]. Radio Netherlands heard in English on 9740 at 0705 tune in August 17 with the Africa in Progress programme. Dutch listed on this frequency at this time (Edwin Southwell, England, Sept World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

Yet another language/feed mixup; a lot of them from RNW lately. Falling apart? Site for 9740 is Wertachtal, GERMANY (gh, DXLD)

\*\* NEW ZEALAND. 15720, UT Sunday Aug 28 at 0455, caught the tail of what sounds like an excellent documentary from the USA, outro as 'The Promised Land', 0457 cut off credit to 'American ---', likely followed by 'Public Media', for QSY announcement to 11725, bellbird and off.

It was a relay of RNZ National, listed as: '4:07 The Sunday Feature: The Promised Land, with Majora Carter --- Decades ago, in response to an oil spill off the coast of California, John Francis made a vow to give up riding in motor vehicles, and stepped out on a walk. And he kept on walking for the next 22 years (APM)'

Can't find much about TPL on the APM website, but also heard program's own site as <http://www.thepromisedland.org> ---  
More here, listen and download:  
<http://www.thepromisedland.org/episode/8-john-francis>  
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Thanks for the link to "The Promised Land". It looks like an interesting series; I hadn't seen it before your mention of it.

It's interesting to see how the instances of English language public broadcasters using each others' work is on the increase -- such as "Global Perspectives" by the CBC, RNZ, Australia's ABC, RNW, etc.; "The Changing World", a repurposing of BBCWS documentaries on PRI stations, and others (Rich Cuff / Allentown, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* NIGER. 9704.99, LV du Sahel, 2101-2303\*, audible after Ethiopia 9705 sign off at 2101. Vernacular talk. Rustic indigenous vocals. Qur'an at 2257. Short flute IS at 2301 followed by National Anthem. 21 second test tone at 2303 and off. Weak but readable at 2101. Improved to fair to good levels by 2215. August 29 (Brian Alexander,

Mechanicsburg, PA, Icom IC-7600, two 100 foot longwires, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* NIGERIA [and non]. It's been weeks since I have been able to hear V. of Nigeria, 15120 on almost nightly chex around 0500 --- usually just Chinese radio war. But Aug 25 at 0445, 15120 dominated by S9+18 carrier with hum/buzz, weak tones on and off, over mix of music, presumably China [or non]. Then some drumming can be heard, undermodulated. 0448, ``This is the Voice of Nigeria, Lagos`` still undermodulated. Would be very good reception if not for self-inflicted wounds. 0458 recheck, YL with program summary, better modulation level now, keeps going past 0500 as we hear ChiCom timesignal under; 0501.6 finally VON sounder and OM with news, or is it just talk (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Next night: gone again, back to China

\*\* NIGERIA [non]. Hamada Radio e-mail? Hi all! Does anybody know a correct e-mail address to contact Hamada Radio International? The one I found (hamada.africa@yahoo.co.uk) bounced back. Thanks! (Artur Fern·ndez Llorella, Catalonia, Spain, Aug 26, HCDX via DXLD)

\*\* NORTH AMERICA. [Pirate]. 6925.34, WBOG, 0115-0122\*, August 24, pop music. ID at sign off. Good signal (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

\*\* OKLAHOMA. Surprised to see KFOR-27 OKC with totally green screen and nothing else during the 'Tonight Show', UT Saturday Aug 27 at 0408, and kept that way almost until 0426, dead audio too until suddenly rejoined during Richard Engel interview rerun. Both OTA RF 27, and via Suddenlink cable. Meanwhile, OTA 4.2 had usual continuous weather, and 4.3 with Ant TV, 'Benny Hill', no greenscreens there.

This is a favorite time of night for EAS tests to interrupt programming (tho I hadn't noticed it on any other station), so I wonder if the EAS thingie got stuck?? They do use a similar shade of green for background of crawlers at screentop when functioning normally. Was no one paying attention at KFOR master control?? Hmmm, are EAS tests not required on subchannels too?

Earlier in the afternoon, the finale of Jeopardy on Channel 4 had 'technical difficulties' so on the following newscasts KFOR had to apologetically tell viewers who won, twice! Meanwhile, KROU 105.7 antenna is being installed upon the KFOR tower (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* OKLAHOMA. 105.7 KROU Move Update: Work in Progress --- photo by Patrick Roberts. Work is nearly complete on the first leg of our project to move KGOU's Oklahoma County signal to another tower in

northeast Oklahoma City. Our contracted tower crew has installed a new antenna 640 feet above ground level at the new location. Chief Engineer Patrick Roberts has been working with the crew, and snapped some great photos, which we've posted on our Facebook page.  
<http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10150359114544009.398307.49730764008>

The next leg of the project involves moving the existing transmitter and the building it's housed in to the new location. We've run into some delays in this part of our plan, but we're working to get it wrapped up quickly and with a minimum of signal disruption. Stay tuned for General Manager Karen Holp's progress reports from the Manager's Desk over the course of the project.  
<http://kgou.org/index.php?manager-rsquo-s-desk>  
(KGOU E-Newsletter Aug 25 via DXLD)

\*\* OKLAHOMA. August 28, 2011 --- This is from the Manager's Desk. Several weeks ago I hinted at a major project involving all the public broadcasters in Oklahoma. That project is now underway.

The Oklahoma public radio stations and OETA have formed a consortium called Oklahoma Public Media Exchange, or OPME for short. Our goal is to create material about Oklahoma that will be shared by all stations. Our first project is a partnership with NPR called StateImpact Oklahoma.

KGOU is the lead station and has hired two new full-time reporters who will be reporting on the impact of the state budget, both income and expenses. There will be feature stories broadcast by KGOU and the other stations, and a new joint web site featuring stories and more information. These web stories will also appear on the KGOU web page.

You can find a link to StateImpact Oklahoma here,  
<http://stateimpact.npr.org/oklahoma/>  
and read the press release here.  
<http://kgou.org/assets/files/OPME%20StateImpact%20Oklahoma%20Press%20Release.pdf>

We think you will be pleased with our increased local journalism!  
Thanks! From the manager's desk, I'm Karen Holp.  
<http://kgou.org/index.php?manager-rsquo-s-desk>  
(KGOU E-Newsletter Aug 25 via DXLD)

\*\* OKLAHOMA. KOKC 1520 currently simulcasting KWTW 9 --- Because of wild fires within the Oklahoma City metropolitan area, KOKC 1520 is currently simulcasting KWTW 9. I have no idea how late KOKC will continue to carry programming from Newsroom 9 HD.

It was another record setting day of plus 100° temperatures in the state of Oklahoma. This added to the high winds and continuing drought

accounted for several fires today (Richard Allen, 36°22'51"N / 97°26'35"W, (near Perry OK USA), 2357 UT Aug 30, IRCA via DXLD)

I wasn't listening to KOKC, but KWTW-39 went back to regular CBS primetime programming at 0000 UT, so that probably ended the simulcast. All three major network stations in OKC blew away regular programming including network news at 2230 UT, for continuous wildfire coverage from northeast OKC. This may have been going on all afternoon as they said the fires started around 1730.

Only KWTW, however, replaced its continuous news subchannel 9.2 'News9Now' with what would have been on 9.1 during this period, as I found CBS Evening News in progress on 9.2 at 2245. As soon as it was over, cut back to simulcast 9.1 when local news would have been on live anyway and I noticed E-T was back on 9.2 instead of 9.1 before 2400 UT. From 0000, 9.2 resumed playing back previously recorded newscasts.

KOCO-7 (ABC 5) and KFOR-27 (NBC 4) also have subchannels but did not avail themselves of this way to propagate their networks' newscasts! Meanwhile depriving their entire audiences outside the wildfire zone of access to the world. Instead, ThisTV stayed on 5.2, continuous weather on 4.2, and Ant-tv on 4.3 --- altho the latter went black during a power failure at KFOR and was slow to resume. Only KOCO kept on wildfire coverage past 0000 UT = 7 pm CDT. I don't think the emergency suddenly ended as primetime began.

August 31 it was a repeat performance as the fires were still raging around OKC. Network news at 2230 UT was available only via 9.2. KWTW and KFOR quit continuous fire coverage in time for primetime at 0000, but KOCO stayed with the fires all the way until 0400 UT Sept 1, missing 'Nightline' too, but not an 'Oprah' rerun. Maybe a third day of this, afternoon and evening of Sept 1?? (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3205, NBC Sandaun, 1146, August 24. Another weekly Wednesday Department of Education program in English; list of teachers required to attend a workshop on Sept. 12; 1201 iNews in Brief; local ID and frequencies; DJ with dedications via texted messages. 1316 noted iLate Night Radio show with pop songs in English till 1325\*. Continues to have above normal reception. August 25 off the air by 1319 (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, Etûn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 5960, Radio Fly, Tabubil, 1050, Aug 29, Country and pop songs, man in Tok Pisin, mention of Radio Fly at 1106. Poor (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia. Listening from my car with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**\*\* PERU. INTERVISTA ONDAS DEL HUALLAGA HUANUCO ON LINE**  
[M's abajo se incluyen archivos adjuntos de Dario Monferini]

Ciao! Per scaricare i file clicca qui:  
[http://mailbeta.libero.it/cp/ps/Mail/huge/pickup?  
a=JYEHAUK3L9K8URLNOJKYID5Q&b=4342482e3c](http://mailbeta.libero.it/cp/ps/Mail/huge/pickup?a=JYEHAUK3L9K8URLNOJKYID5Q&b=4342482e3c)  
Ti ricordiamo che questo link sar  valido fino al 2.9.2011 alle 15:22.

Roberto Pavanello ha messo un file audio on line a disposizione per l'ascolto della storica intervista realizzata lunedì 15 agosto, presso Ondas del Huallaga di Huanuco, nell'intervista Roberto ed io Dario veniamo intervistati con l'amico Pablito Albornos Rojas che ci ha accompagnato nella visita, era presente il Gerente della emisora Don Flaviano Llanos que ha di recente compiuto 104 anni !!!!!!!

LA RADIO DE ANTA-O

Llanos Malpartida fund  Radio Ondas del Huallaga en 1967, cuando a n no exist a la frecuencia modulada (FM), pero antes ya hab a tenido que informar para otras radios sobre eventos hist ricos como la Segunda Guerra Mundial.

"Como no hab a llegado la televisi n a Hu nuco ten a una consola RCA, cuatro mic fonos, cuatro tornamesas para pasar los discos de carb n y acetato con revoluciones de 33, 45 y 78 revoluciones. Dos cabinas de locuci n y un sal n auditorio para los programas en vivo y con p blico", cuenta Llanos.

El empresario agreg  que "reci n en el a o 1993, salimos con la Frecuencia Modulada, poni ndonos al igual que las otras emisoras de radio. (Hoy) tenemos todos los adelantos que hay en la actualidad, pero nunca hemos perdido nuestras frecuencias de AM y onda corta, esa es nuestra fortaleza".

"Nadie llega a las 11 provincias y a los 76 que tiene Hu nuco ni a cientos de comunidades y centros poblados, como nosotros", afirma Llanos, mientras presta atenci n a las noticias desde su estaci n radial, en donde se le puede hallar a diario desde las 7 de la ma ana (via Dario Monferini, Per , playdx yg via DXLD)

ONDAS DEL HUALLAGA - INTERVISTA A MONFERINI E PAVANELLO  
L'intervista   disponibile sul seguente link:  
<http://blog.libero.it/radioascolto/10553324.html>  
73's (Francesco Cecconi, ibid.)

**\*\* PERU. CQ, CQ, CQ --- Aqu  Pedro F. Arrun tegui para compartir algo con los que disfrutan y aman el DX latinoamericano, todas las horas**

son UTC, desde la tierra de los incas, les informo mediante este Quipus lo siguiente:

[3360], Nuestro amigo, el doctor Jes's P.rraga, propietario de JPJ, me ha comunicado que ahora, ya todos podemos gozar de Radio JPJ vĩa internet en la siguiente direcci n: <http://www.radiojppj.com> La he verificado y se escucha al 100%; que lo disfruten. Tambi n ahora est  en Facebook como radiojppj Peru. La recepci n lo he efectuado del 13 al 28/08.

4746.95, R. Huanta 2000, Huanta, Ayacucho, 13/08 2235-2312, 55555, mxf saya Samba Negra, ID iPor Radio Huanta 2000i, m'sica, ID iT' est's con la n mero uno, Radio Huanta 2000i (mv en espa ol), el programa se realiza en quechua.

4824.44, R. La Voz de la Selva, Iquitos, Loreto; 23/08 1100-1140, 44444, noticias sobre la p rdida de un joven en el rio, ID iMuy buenos d as amigos, Radio La Voz de la Selva transmitiendo desde el mismo logra de los hechos .i

4986.40, R. Manantial, Huancayo, Jun n, 14/08 2205-2610, 44444, m'sica religiosa, ID iRadio Manantial desde Huancayo  estaci n evang lica, mxf, religiosa, ID iRadio Manantial.. 960 kHz OM, 4985 kHz onda corta y 94.9 FM desde Huancayo para todo el Per i nos pueden ver en <http://www.somosmanantial.com>

5460.00, R. Bol var, Bol var, La libertad, 17/08 0020-0100, 55555, mv, ID iSon las 7:24 de la noche en su Radio Bol vari , new ID iLa se al ganadora de Radio Bol vari , Slogan iEst  usted en compa  a de Radio Bol var, en los 5460 khz y  FMi

5921.30, R. Bethel, Arequipa, Arequipa, 18/08 2325-0020, 44444, programa religioso ``Dios me da vida'', ID iPor su radio Betheli

Nota: El 17 de Agosto tuve la grata visita en mi QTH de Dario Monferini y Roberto Pavanello, con quienes compartir gratos momentos con mi familia (disfrutando de un sabroso almuerzo, preparado por mi esposa e hija) y mi rinc n DX. Me alcanz  un WRTT 2010, as  como me entreg  una copia de Play-DX y por encargo de los amigos argentinos, me alcanz  dos ejemplares de Conexi n del Grupo Radioescucha Argentino. Pudimos compartir QSL muy antiguas como parte de su colecci n y otras cosas m's.

Ahora estoy escuchando con un Icom IC R72 que he adquirido, el cual lo uso en compa  a del Mizuho KX-3 con una antena de hilo largo de 15 mts. Muchos 128 s PFA (Pedro F. Arrun.tegui, Lima, Aug El Chasqui DX, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD) See also BOLIVIA; UNID 5785

\*\* PHILIPPINES. 9920, Aug 25 at 1233, rustic SE Asian instrumental music, then sorta-Lao language. EiBi and Aoki show daily at 1230-1300 FEBC Bocaue has Koho/Kohor spoken in Vietnam. Transmission is 11-13 also in many other native languages depending on day of week (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* PHILIPPINES. 11870, Aug 25 at 1328, jazz music on trumpet with baffle, soon ID in English as ``Radio Veritas Asia; stay tuned for a broadcast in Hindi which follows at 1330 UTC on 11.87 MHz in the 25 meter band``; 1329 ID in that language, 1330 IS, and theme, Hindi talk. The only English you will hear from RVA is in such continuity announcements, IDs (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* PHILIPPINES. 15190, DZRM Radyo Magasin (1278 kHz) simulcast via R. Pilipinas, \*1731-1818, August 31. The Wednesday only simulcast of DZRM in Tagalog, with many words in English; program about the crisis with repatriating Overseas Filipino Workers from Syria and Libya; phone hotline and email contacts in Damascus, Syria given; many 1278 DZRM Radyo Magasin IDs; fair.

<http://www.box.net/shared/48rrzzkmbcy4moi6s2>

has nice MP3 audio. Was an interesting show! Infinitely easier to hear this than the rare outlet on 6170.3, which is often covered now by New Zealand (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* PORTUGAL The RTP works council has asked the company to immediately replace short-wave emissions, arguing that the decision prevents access to information for thousands of Portuguese. The request was announced July 20 following a meeting with the board Management in which it was stated that permission had been received to suspend the broadcasts from former Minister Jorge Lac,,o. The works council said this was "unconstitutional, illegitimate, untimely and irresponsible." (RTP website report, Pedro Ribeiro via Jo,,o GonÁalves Costa, radioescutas via DX Listening Digest via Sept World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

I believe above was not translated in DXLD, so here you go (gh, DXLD)

RTP: THERE IS iEVERY REASON TO SUSPEND SHORTWAVE

The chairman of the board of R·dio e Televis,,o de Portugal (RTP), Guilherme Costa, said on Tuesday that the company has ievery reason to suspend the shortwave transmissions of RDP Internacional. Mr Costa, quoted by the Lusa news agency, said such a platform is obsolete from the technical point of view, is generally poor quality in terms of reception, and is expensive, adding that discussions about shortwave began within the organisation in May 2009.



He said that RDP had received 190 messages on the suspension of shortwave broadcasts, and more than half came via email from people who can listen to broadcasts on the Internet. RTP announced in May that it would temporarily suspend the shortwave broadcasts of RDP Internacional from 1 June, citing the low number of listeners and the need to reduce costs. (Source: tvi24) (August 31st, 2011 - 14:57 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DXLD)

#### LISTENERS' OMBUDSMAN AT RDP THREATENS TO RESIGN OVER SUSPENSION OF SHORTWAVE

O Provedor do Ouvinte (da RDP) ameaça demitir-se devido à suspensão de emissões em onda curta

Durante a audiência parlamentar na comissão de Ética, o provedor do Ouvinte da rádio pública fez saber que se demite caso a administração da empresa mantenha a suspensão das emissões da RDP Internacional em onda curta. Mário Figueiredo diz que o que está em causa é a concessão de serviço público de radiodifusão.

Ouvir o áudio em : <http://tinyurl.com/42ym1cl>

2011-08-30 16:40:39 - Fonte: Noticias RTP (via João Gonçalves Costa, 30 Aug, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

Solidariedade com a posição do Provedor do Ouvinte da RDP em Po

Caros colegas, Torno publica a mensagem que acabo de enviar ao Provedor do Ouvinte e apelo a que todos aqueles que estão contra a suspensão das emissões da RDP Internacional em onda curta façam o mesmo.

As vossas mensagens podem ser enviadas directamente desde este sítio na Internet:

[http://ww1.rtp.pt/wportal/grupo/provedor\\_ouvinte/enviarmensagem.php](http://ww1.rtp.pt/wportal/grupo/provedor_ouvinte/enviarmensagem.php)  
João Costa (CT1FBBF)

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Caro Mário Figueiredo,

Quero apresentar-lhe a minha total e inequívoca solidariedade com a posição que tomou hoje durante a audiência parlamentar na comissão de Ética, ao afirmar que se demite caso a administração da empresa mantenha a suspensão das emissões da RDP Internacional em onda curta.

... uma honra tê-lo como meu Provedor do Ouvinte.

... nos momentos difíceis que se afirmam valores e que se conhecem os verdadeiros Homens que não transgridem nem um milímetro nas suas

convicções, alicerçadas naquilo em que acreditam ser as suas obrigações e deveres para consigo e para com aqueles que defendem.

Definitivamente você pertence a essa nobre casta de gente que não se verga. Muito Obrigado pela exemplar lição que deu sobre o que é um Serviço Público de Radiodifusão (João Costa, 31 August, ibid.)

\*\* ROMANIA. I received 2 QSL cards on the same day and a pennant! I nearly fell over, when I opened the RRI reply and saw a pennant! It's been some years since I've received such a reply. Most heartening (John Wright, Peakhurst, NSW, Icom R75 EWE antennae pointed 350 degrees, and using a Tony Magon MK 1 preamp, Sept Australian DX News via DXLD)

So which RRI station was it?? I thought it was Indonesia until I found this separate entry (gh, DXLD)

ROMANIA, Bucharest, RRI, 15340. Painting of the Cotroceni Palace with FD on reverse of card. Also shock horror, shock, a nice sized Radio Romania pennant. Air in 2 months no rp (Wright, ibid.)

15310, Aug 27 at 1855, vocal music with disco beat, uncertain language. 1900 5-pip timesignal, Romanian news about North Carolina, ergo RRI as scheduled, 17-20, 300 kW, 285 degrees toward France (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* ROMANIA. IRRS outlets via Romania, different antenna types given: See ITALY [non]

\*\* RUSSIA. HI Glenn - 153 kHz Radio Rossii / Komsomol'sk, August 20, 2011. 9,466 km. Nice carrier of RW200, visible on Spectran from 7pm local time (90 minute after my sunset). Audible from around 1445 GMT (Russian YL speaker, music). Signed off at 1500:18 GMT with five dots / one dash signal.

Station ID clearly audible at 1459:45 GMT (Komsomoljski na Amure... ) Yes, this is a 1200 kW transmitter, but the lowest Russian AM station with clear ID copy and my first logging so I am excited :-) 73 (Nick VK2DX, Sydney, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* RUSSIA. 5930, R. Rossii, Monchegorsk, 0922-0932 Russian; M over lite instrumental music; alternating M & W over music at 0924; more of same at BoH with ID at 0930; fair in ECCS-LSB to null 5935-MGS; 8/24. (Scott R. Barbour Jr. Intervale, N.H. USA, NRD-45, MLB-1, 200' Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Scott, Monchegorsk is in the NW corner of Russia near Finland and Norway, see WRTN 2011 map on page 61, where it's almost noon. Surely

you were getting the other 5930 transmitter at this hour, Petropavlovsk / Kamchatsky on the Pacific Coast over a full darkness path. We commonly hear this 2-3 hours later, when it's // but not synchronized with 5940 Magadan, i.e. on the same FE timezone feed, which Monchegorsk would not be. In fact, NH and Pet/Kam are close to the grayline, which one may generate for any exact time and date, as in your log, via <http://www.fourmilab.ch/cgi-bin/Earth/action?opt=-p> It's really handy to tell right away where it's night and where it's day (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5930, R. Rossii, Monchegorsk, in Russian at 0809 UT Aug 31, S=7 signal on SDR remote unit in Finland. Heard station ID with reklama DRUZHBA program. Transmitter produced s i x buzz peaks each side symmetrical, like a garden fence, each 99 Hertz, at x.099 / x.198 / x.297 / x.396 / x.495 / x.594 Hertz distance (Wolfgang B\_schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 30, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* RUSSIA [non]. 11500, as if to answer my recent question, ``no, this is not Bulgaria,`` instead of open carrier, Aug 30 at 1233, good modulation in American English, W&W discussion of American brands such as P&G, CocaCola, by Donna West and another YL, on ``In Between on Voice of Russia``.

Altho latest HFCC does not show any VOR on 11500, Aoki still does, Dushanbe relay, so congrats to the Tajix for turning up the volume for a change. Oh oh, next check at 1346, 11500 is back to open carrier with flutter, or maybe just barely modulated, or is that CCI? (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* RUSSIA. 15510, Aug 31 at 1254, open carrier with hum or maybe just barely modulated, poor signal. 1300 YL suddenly starts talking with announcement, music, still with hum and undermodulated. Aoki shows the VOR Pashto service at 12-14 via Krasnodar, while HFCC calls the site Samara but omits the language. EiBi agrees it's Pashto for both hours via Samara; but the dead air in first hour is not unusual, another example of incredibly bad studio/transmitter co^rdination by Voice of Russia: see also TAJIKISTAN (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* SAIPAN [and non]. 9355, Aug 25 at 1147, R. Free Asia, in Lao with continuous rapid pulsing QRM; not like jamming heard elsewhere, and Laos supposedly is not so paranoid as other sorta-Commie nations; maybe utility. Still heard at 1226 long after RFA had finished at 1200 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* SARAWAK [NON]. MALAYSIAN WEBSITE HONORS RADIO FREE SARAWAK AS "FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH." Posted: 31 Aug 2011

The Nut Graph (Puchong, Selangor, Malaysia), 29 Aug 2011: "This week, as we welcome 54 years of Malaysian independence, The Nut Graph celebrates, in no particular order, 13 individuals, groups and initiatives [including] ... With articles and radio streams still being churned out about the Penan community and illegal logging activities, Sarawak Report and Radio Free Sarawak are still going strong after the Sarawak Elections in April 2011. The state election, which saw the BN securing a two-thirds-majority win, may have been their focal point, but the team continues its work undaunted.

Despite a small setup and operating from a distance, the team has proven themselves a force to be reckoned with. They got an international campaign going on Sarawak's environmental degradation and corruption, and involved foreign news agencies in the action. Their campaigning and publicity blitz has borne fruit: the Swiss president has ordered the Swiss Financial Markets Supervisory Authority to investigate Sarawak Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud's assets in Swiss banks, and there is now a Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission probe on him." See also <http://radiofreesarawak.org> (kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

\*\* SAUDI ARABIA. 17785, BSKSA, Riyadh. \*0746 with news in English and from 0753 iFrom The Pressî till 0755 when said the next program in English from Riyadh will be at 7 pm (= 1600 UTC and the program in English from Radio Jeddah will be from 1 pm (= 1000 UT). All on 12/8 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF-2001, 16m Marconi antenna), Sept Australian DX News via DXLD)

17785 is the 'accidental' English broadcast when they turn the transmitter on early before French at 0800. It's a shame the 1600 English broadcast is not on SW somehow, at a waking time for us. I found it long ago on webcast, and one could probably still locate it, e.g. via PublicRadioFan.com (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. 15825, Aug 27 at 1904, Brother Scare // 9980, and a reverb apart from 9385 WWRB. There he is, occupying even more spare time on WWCR; pdf sked still dated Aug 1 shows him on 15825 Sat 19-20 and Sun 1745-2000 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* SPAIN. EBC timesignals out of service on 4998, 15006: see INTERNATIONAL

\*\* SPAIN. R Exterior Espa a --- Rafael Mart nez recommended a programme on REE, Spain called iMundofon as . So I tuned in on Sunday morning on 21 August 2011 to take a listen. What a great programme! iMundofon as  translates literally as iWorld Symphonies  - I suppose more simply as iWorld Music . Presented by Araceli Tzigane and Juan Antonio V zquez, they play music from all over the world. My language

skills are poor to non-existent; however with the aid of Google translating the REE Mundofonías webpages, it is easy to follow along with the programme, and I enjoyed the music which included: i[...] gypsy tunes of Hungary, Romano Drom, to klezmer music, the Portuguese Melech Mechaya [Ö] into Italy, [...] with the Circus Diatonic Claudia Graziano, then north to return to the Asturian Tuenda Iberian, [...] the voice of Peter Chus and splendid instrumental developments of Galician girdle [Ö] to Britain to hear Mazad Café and its appealing combination of sounds, world and jazz, and Badum's Band, a group that cultivates passion roots music of Ethiopia, and we advance what will be his new album with the singer of that nationality Selamnesh Zemene which will be released in October [Ö] the amazing meeting of the American duo AU and urban Congolese music Sankayi Masanka (øpsychedelia, minimalism, African music, Indonesian gamelan?), and between Deerhoof and Kasai Allstars.î

Whilst putting together parts of this month's CONTACT, I also dipped into the rtve webpages and enjoyed an archived edition of Mundofonías from 31 July 2011 with some music from Mali and Cameroon, then some Afro-Cuban music, followed by accordion, flamenco, European gypsy, and finally some Algerian music.

Mundofonías is broadcast on REE Spain on Saturday at 2205 with a second edition broadcast on Sunday at 0605, repeated Sunday at 1405 (I'm not sure, but the 1405 repeat may on occasion be pre-empted by sport).

Frequencies are:

Sat 2205: 7275, 9570, 9765, 11680, 11815, 15110, 17850

Sun 0605: 5965, 12035, 11890

Sun 1405: 5970, 11815, 11880, 15585, 17715, 17755, 21610

There are currently 190 archived editions at:  
<http://www.rtve.es/alacarta/audios/mundofonias/>

Thanks Rafael - great tip!

[We had previously recommended 'Mundofonías', too! Then reprints the previous DXLD items about 'Desde el Infierno' and: --- gh]

I took a listen to the 28 August edition (already on-line by 26 August), described as:

îThe House on the Corner of the World. The time is distorted in a land wracked by strange events experienced by a man, insecure and in the presence of bizarre creatures living in an area devastated by the injustice. Everything changes ...î

The programme exactly as described by Glenn and Mike. I wish I could have understood it - it sounded a really spooky tale - perfect for late night listening!

Desde el Infierno is Sundays at 0005 on frequencies: 5995, 9535, 9620, 11680, 15160 (Alan Roe, Listening Post, Sept World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

11795 REE, Noblejas. Some noise but generally excellent in (I think) Spanish, 0132 on 9/8 (Gavin Hellyer, Ararat Vic (Yaesu FRG8800, Kenwood R2000, Realistic DX440, Long Wires & Inverted V, ATUs), Sept Australian DX News via DXLD)

You are right to have doubts: this is the weekly Judeo-Espa0ol service to South America at 0115-0145 UT Tuesdays; tho there may be segments in real Castilian, bilingual interviews (gh, DXLD)

REE on 15585 kHz: any splatters? Hi. REE (Radio Exterior de Espa0a) has very strong emission around 1000-1100 UT but it seems to me had splatters up and down. Checked with more receivers, similar results.

Radio Romania International, same time but on 15380 kHz with similar signal (S 9-30 dB) has no splatters at all. Anyone checked? 73 de Fabio Bonucci, SWL Iy-1366/RM (also IKyIXI - KF1B) - AIR yBF68 QTH Civitavecchia (Roma) - Italy Loc. JN52VB  
Receivers: JRC NRD-525XI, IC-R70, R-2000, R-326  
Antennas: 33 ft. vertical monopole, 120 ft. OCF Dipole  
Email: ik0ixi @ ik0ixi.it Web: <http://www.ik0ixi.it>  
(via Manuel MEndez, Spain, dxldyg via DXLD)

Yes, REE Noblejas 15585 kHz at 1418 UT Aug 28th has two symmetric sideband splatter on  
15558 to 15579 and  
15593 to 15614 kHz  
Noted on various remote receivers in Holland, Germany and Austria.  
vy73 wb df5sx (Wolfgang B.schel, ibid.)

\*\* SRI LANKA. 15745, SLBC, Ekala, US Ministries program in English on 13/8 till 0330 and close/down (usually on Saturdays the programs are till 0300) without the NA of Sri Lanka (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF-2001, 16m Marconi antenna), Sept Australian DX News via DXLD)

\*\* SUDAN. Early wireless documents tell us that the first wireless stations in Sudan were installed after World War 1 in Khartoum & Omdurman, and in several regional locations. Callsigns for these stations were irregular at first, though as time went by, it seems that these calls were regularized into the SU series, such as SUD at

Port Sudan & SUL at Khartoum.

The Russian Encyclopedia informs us that radio broadcasting in the Sudan began in the year 1940, and this is confirmed by the Sudanradio website. According to this source, the first radio broadcasts were made from the Post Office building in Omdurman in May 1940. Programming was on the air for half an hour daily, and it would be presumed that this was on a mediumwave channel.

Two years later, the radio station was transferred to the Midwife School in West Omdurman, where the station was inaugurated on 524 metres (573 kHz) and the programming was extended to one hour daily. It is evident that this was still a low power operation.

Monitoring reports in New Zealand, Australia & the United States indicate that a shortwave service was added in late 1945, and this operated on 9220 & 13320 kHz. At the time, all three outlets were rated at quite low power; mediumwave 572.5 kHz at 750 watts, shortwave 9 MHz at 450 watts, and 13320 khz at 250 watts. Reliable coverage at these power levels would extend not much further than the twin cities areas.

In 1949, it was reported that Radio Omdurman in the Sudan was now using a 6 kW shortwave transmitter; and soon after that, three Marconi transmitters from England were installed; two at 20 kW for use on shortwave, and one at 50 kW on mediumwave. All of these transmitter improvements are listed as taking place at the transmitter base identified as Soba, which is located at a small village named Al Aitahab some distance up river, south of the twin cities. Two Philips shortwave transmitters at 120 kW from Holland were installed in the late 1960s, and one Harris at 100 kW from the United States was installed around 1990.

In the meantime, regional radio was developed in several different localities around Sudan, and of importance was a massive mediumwave transmitter rated at 10 megawatt located at Sennar, out from the twin cities areas. Anything up to a dozen mediumwave sites in Sudan have been indicated, but it is not certain that stations were installed at all of these listed sites.

However, even in spite of this apparent wide coverage on shortwave and mediumwave throughout Sudan, there have been many occasions when transmitters were reported by monitors as being off air. On some occasions, throughout all of these years, the usage of shortwave, though listed as in use for program coverage, was also actually off the air.

So, what can you hear on air from the Sudan these days? If you live

somewhere around the Mediterranean, you might hear Reiba with 600 kW on 1296 kHz; or Khartoum with 100 kW on 963 kHz; or possibly Omdurman with 50 kW on 765 kHz. Then, on shortwave, their programming is listed on 7200 kHz with 100 kW all throughout the broadcast day.

The Sudan has never been listed as a reliable verifier of reception reports, though throughout all these years, a few QSL letters have been issued.

BFBS & AFRS in Sudan - Before we leave the radio scene in the Sudan, let us present this brief information regarding the wartime installation of three allied radio broadcasting stations.

The Americans installed a 250 watt mediumwave station in Khartoum in June 1944, and this was in use for a little over a year. It was closed in August 1945. The channel in use by AFRS Khartoum is shown as shortwave, and this may have been the case, though it is probable that it was actually a mediumwave operation. The callsign for this American radio station is not known.

An additional low powered sound system station was also in use at El Geneina during the same time period.

The British BFBS station was located at Khartoum around the same time period, 1944 & 1945, though no additional details are known. It was described as an out station (Adrian Peterson, IN, AWR Wavescan script for August 21 via DXLD)

\*\* SUDAN. 7200, 28/8 2045, Sudan RTVC, in Arabic, talks OM & YL, some Arabic songs, weak, better in LSB (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italia, RX: RFSpace SDR-14 with SDR-Radio Software - ANT: T2FD 15 m long; QTH: Milan city, Italy; SW blog: <http://radiodxsw.blogspot.com/> HCDX via DXLD)

\*\* SUDAN [and non]. Checking R. Dabanga Aug 28: 0431 on 13620, only hearing the 1000 Hz tone jamming, then 0431:45 Dabanga audio via MADAGASCAR comes up, down and up again. Meanwhile, the other Talata frequency during the first semihour, 13730 is continually modulating with frequent IDs in passing, no jamming (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

#### PRESIDENT ORDERS SUDANESE JOURNALISTS FREED

President Omar Hassan al-Bashir on Saturday ordered the release of all Sudanese journalists, saying Khartoum respects responsible freedom of expression. Witnesses said the decision to free about six journalists in detention came after he attended an annual function by journalists linked to the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan. In honour of this



occasion and to journalists, I order the release of all detained journalists," Bashir said at the end of the function in Khartoum. "We call for freedom and responsibility," he added.

Authorities accuse the journalists, most of whom are employed by the Netherlands-registered Radio Dabanga, of working for rebels in Darfur and for the International Criminal Court, which is seeking the arrest of Bashir on charges of war crimes and genocide. Bashir rejects the charges.

Some 13 staff at Dabanga and pro-democracy group HAND were arrested last year, along with another prominent Darfuri journalist known as Jaafar al-Sadki, who works for the independent al-Sahafa paper. Radio Dabanga broadcasts into the country on shortwave and is not licensed to operate in Sudan.

Sudan has been known to tightly control radio and television stations, especially in Darfur, where a revolt has claimed thousands of lives. Khartoum had refused to allow UN radio station Miraya to broadcast in the north of the country. (Source: Reuters) (August 28th, 2011 - 13:01 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DXLD)

1 Comment on "President orders Sudanese journalists freed"

#1 Jonathan Marks on Aug 28th, 2011 at 13:22

Welcome news. But will they allow those journalists to carry on their work or expel them from the country (MN blog comment via DXLD)

#### SEVEN RADIO DABANGA JOURNALISTS STILL IN DETENTION

Reporters Without Borders says it welcomes President Omar Al-Bashir's announcement during a meeting with journalists on 27 August that he intends to free all the journalists imprisoned in Sudan, but has called for this decision to be extended to all media workers and for it to be carried out without delay.

The announcement was followed by the release on Sunday of Gafar Al-Sabki Ibrahim, a journalist with the Arabic-language daily Al-Sahafa, who had been detained since 3 November 2010. But Abdelrahman Adam, an employee of Radio Dabanga, and six of the station's other employees, who have been detained since 30 October 2010, were not freed.

Gafar Al-Sabki's release is obviously good news but the authorities must also free Radio Dabanga's employees and must go further by dropping all the charges against them," Reporters Without Borders said.

We should also not forget that the past few weeks have been marked by

confiscations of newspapers and a return to prior censorship, measures that violate media freedom. If Sudan wants to be seen as a country that respects freedom of expression, it really must put a stop to such practices.î

Broadcasting on shortwave, Radio Dabanga is not legally recognized by the Sudanese authorities. Therefore its employees in Sudan lack press cards and official recognition of their status as journalists.

The detained Radio Dabanga employees are accused of divulging state secrets, undermining the constitutional system, calling for resistance and inciting sedition under articles 24, 25, 26, 53 and 50 of the 1991 criminal code and articles 18, 42 and 44 of the 2001 communications law. The article 50 violation carries the death penalty. (Source: Reporters Without Borders)(August 30th, 2011 - 9:22 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DXLD)

\*\* SUDAN [non]. Sudan Radio Service, SRS, deals mainly with the Republic of South Sudan. Israel will have friendly relations with South Sudan, including post. The inspiration for this report is a logging in CONTACT Magazine July 2011 by Alan Roe of SRS on 15500 kHz in vernacular at 1632 UTC on 11 June, which was a Saturday. My observations for this report were done Thursday to Saturday, 21 to 23 July 2011.

I looked at a map of Sudan in an atlas. Juba, the capital of the Republic of South Sudan, is in the south. I used Passport to World Band Radio, 2009 edition, page 306. I also used World Radio TV Handbook, 2011 edition, pages 355 and 507.

On Thursday July 21 on 15500 kHz at 1600-1700 UTC, I heard SRS in vernaculars, three sections of 20 minutes each. I could not find this transmission on Friday 22 July. On Thursday and Friday, 21 and 22 July, I heard SRS at 1700-1800 UTC. They were in English at 1700-1800 UTC. On Saturday 23 July, I heard SRS in vernaculars at 0400-0500 UTC on 13720 kHz. I then heard SRS continue on the same 13720 UTC in English for a whole hour, 0500-0600 UTC. Reception was rather difficult during this last hour. Reception was good during the other transmissions.

To have any chance of getting a reply from SRS, we must write to their address in Juba. They dutifully give telephone numbers in their broadcasts; these phones are in Kenya and are not connected. You will get a busy signal. Try them, it is an experience and it costs nothing. Should you phone the USA address in Washington, you will get the reply, "Don't call us, we will call you". I plan to listen to SRS only in English (David Crystal, Israel, Making Contact, Sept World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

\*\* SYRIA. 9330, R. Damascus, Syria. Aug. 11 at 2116-2130 in English. SIO 332-221. Talk & music program. Low modulation. ID at 2122 (Tetsuya OGAWA, Sapporo, Hokkaido, YAESU FRG-7<sup>0</sup>ÜICOM IC-R75 + ALA 1530S+, Sept JSWC Bulletin via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

\*\* TAIWAN. 7970, SOH (presumed), 1014-1017, August 22. In Chinese till covered by Firedrake at 1017 (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

10300, Aug 27 at 1239, weak Chinese, no Firedrake, presumed Sound of Hope. Firedrake was also widely absent today; see CHINA (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15800.049, SOH from Taiwan, boring male voice in Chinese, S=4 weak, at 0733 UT Aug 24 (Wolfgang B,schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 23-24/27 via DXLD) See also TAJIKISTAN

7970, Sound of Hope, 1222, August 29. I was extremely fortunate to catch them briefly in the clear; in Chinese; 1223 had a positive, clear ID; spelled out iw-w-w-s-o-u-n-d-o-f-h-o-p-e-o-r-gî then iSound of Hopeî in English with EZL religious instrumental music in the background during the ID; 1226 covered by sign on of strong Firedrake. Rarely do I hear an ID and seems this time period is the best chance to hear one.

10300, SOH (presumed), 1309-1333, August 30. Non-stop monologue in Chinese; no Firedrake; almost fair (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* TAIWAN. 9960, Aug 27 at 1301, Vietnamese squeezed between DentroCuban Jamming Commands on 9955 and 9965; not in HFCC, but Aoki has Family Radio via Tainan (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* TAJIKISTAN. Tajik R. 2nd program was heard in Russian on 1160.967 and its 2nd harmonic on 2321.933 kHz was heard until 1900 s/off. Thanks to Arne Nilsson for the tip! 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, Aug 31, harmonics yg via DXLD)

\*\* TAJIKISTAN/CHINA. 11499.930, V of Russia in Hindi via Dushanbe Yangi-Yul, 1310 UT Aug 23, never ending comment by lady announcer. [see BULGARIA; RUSSIA; below]

15277.0, Voice of Tibet via Dushanbe Yangi-Yul, in Tibetan observed at 1330-1400 UT Aug 23, S=5-6, and accompanied by CHN Mainland Firedrake jamming on 15280 kHz.

Btw. Dushanbe Yangi Yul TX 15277 het Deutsche Welle 15275 til 1402:55

UT, and Firedrake TX came on air again and jamming music started again at 1405 UT!?

15780, Sound of Hope via Dushanbe relay site, Chinese boring comment, no jamming at 14110 UT Aug 23.

15292.0, Voice of Tibet via Dushanbe Yangi-Yul, in Tibetan observed at 1300-1330 UT Aug 24, S=5-6, but no jamming around that channel. Getting slack - the jamming service these days. Firedrake music is right on 15430 kHz even at 1308 UT.

But now at 1310 UT strong Firedrake music transmitter hopped to 15290 kHz, in \\ 15430 kHz. VoT left 15292 kHz, is now on 15442 kHz at 1311.

15740.016, odd channel endless Chinese talk at 1245 UT Aug 27, probably SOH Xi Wang Zhi Sheng program [ex 15745], from Dushanbe Yangi-Yul relay site (Wolfgang B, schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 23/24/27 via DXLD)

I wonder how diplomatic relations are between China and Tajikistan, hosting all those anti-ChiCom clandestines? (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

\*\* TAJIKISTAN. 11500, Aug 31 at 1243, open carrier with hum, flutter, presumed the scheduled VOR English relay, minus modulation, unlike 24 hours earlier when it actually could be heard (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also above; RUSSIA; CHINA - Firedrake report re V. of Tibet

\*\* THAILAND. 9890, Aug 27 at 1235, R. Thailand in fairly well during English news about a bombing; at first thought re Pakistan, but apparently in Thailand itself, southern unrest vs new government, then other political news of Thailand. By 1258 more flutter in talk about heart attacks, ulcers. BTW, VOA was missing from 9885, see U S A (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* TURKEY. 15450, Sat Aug 27 at 1248, VOT talking about R. Free Asia, perhaps its special off-topic Japanese QSL this weekend, so must be an on-week for 'DX Corner'; poor (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U K. Radio Spectrum Jamming --- Ofcom has announced that jamming of radio spectrum will take place during two weeks in October.  
[http://www.southgatearc.org/news/july2011/radio\\_spectrum\\_jamming.htm](http://www.southgatearc.org/news/july2011/radio_spectrum_jamming.htm)

Times: 0700Z 3 Oct 11 to 2000Z 17 Oct 11.

Location: The jamming events will take place throughout the UK FIR/UIR north of 51 degrees North.

GPS Jamming locations: Faraid Head - from N58 36.2' W004 46.4'. Loch Ewe B - from N57 51.9' W005 41.1'. Loch Ewe A ñ from 57.7869N 5.7917W.

Frequency: Radar ñ discrete spots within MOD allocated frequencies within Charlie / Delta (specifically avoiding IFF/SSR frequency bands), Echo / Foxtrot, Golf. India / Juliet (avoiding Marine Navigation Bands in conditions of poor visibility) and Kilo Bands.

Communications ñ Exercise JW discrete frequencies only in bands HF 2000-26500 KHZ and V/UHF 137-400 MHZ (avoiding international Distress, Emergency and Exercise Safety frequencies).

In all cases jamming will be avoided on the TAB00 frequencies listed in the UK Procedures for the Control of Non-Operational Jamming (Annex B).

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Wiki - Flight Information Region (FIR) & Upper Information Region (UIR)  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flight\\_information\\_region](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flight_information_region)

EW letter bands  
<http://www.microwaves101.com/encyclopedia/letterbands.cfm>

Global Navigation Space Systems: reliance and vulnerabilities  
[http://www.raeng.org.uk/news/publications/list/reports/RAoE\\_Global\\_Navigation\\_Systems\\_Report.pdf](http://www.raeng.org.uk/news/publications/list/reports/RAoE_Global_Navigation_Systems_Report.pdf)

NATS - GPS Jamming in July  
[http://www.ead.eurocontrol.int/eadbasic/pamslight-1401DD6358958D3A2101578467A542F6/7FE5QZZF3FXUS/EN/AIC/P/047-2011/EG\\_Circ\\_2011\\_P\\_047\\_en\\_2011-06-16.pdf](http://www.ead.eurocontrol.int/eadbasic/pamslight-1401DD6358958D3A2101578467A542F6/7FE5QZZF3FXUS/EN/AIC/P/047-2011/EG_Circ_2011_P_047_en_2011-06-16.pdf)

SatNav jamming in September and October  
[http://www.southgatearc.org/news/june2011/gps\\_jamming.htm](http://www.southgatearc.org/news/june2011/gps_jamming.htm)  
(Southgate via Terry Krueger, FL, DXLD)

Watch out, October 3. What's this about? (Krueger, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Looks like some kind of exercise, but lasting a fortnight?? Note that broadcast and ham bands are not explicitly exempt! (Glenn Hauser ibid.)

Does this not contravene international telecommunications regulations?

Are RSGB being consulted, is not 'jamming' illegal? Surely Ofcom was never intended to broadcast - let alone 'jam' radio frequencies - 'exercise or no 'exercise' (Rog Parsons (BDXC 782) Hinckley, Leics., DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Would anyone know what this is all about? I'm completely mystified (Andrew Tett, BDXC-UK via DXLD)

Hi Andrew, How odd!! No clues here:

<http://stakeholders.ofcom.org.uk/enforcement/spectrum-enforcement/jammers/>  
I tried Googling web and news but to no avail (Mike, ibid.)

These GPS jamming events seem to be regular and have been conducted by the Ministry of Defence (MOD) - Ofcom just advises users when it knows they are scheduled. A quick google indicated such exercises as far back as 2007. You can subscribe to email alerts on the Ofcom website:

#### GPS Jamming

The Ministry of Defence conduct occasional tests on military systems which may result in some loss of service to civilian users of the Global Positioning System (GPS) including in-car navigation devices and networks which rely on GPS signals. Ofcom seeks to provide citizens and consumers with information about possible interruptions to these services via these email updates giving advanced notification of these tests. It must be emphasised that this notification process only warns of future jamming exercises that are brought to the notice of Ofcom and may not cover all jamming exercises. It cannot be assumed that any loss of service is due to jamming exercises.

[http://www.ofcom.org.uk/static/subscribe/select\\_list.htm](http://www.ofcom.org.uk/static/subscribe/select_list.htm)

(Alan Pennington, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

This may help to answer a few questions.

[http://www.gps-world.biz/gps\\_jamming.php](http://www.gps-world.biz/gps_jamming.php)

(Tony Boreham (Currently lazing about in Malta), BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

Since GPS does not operate on HF, why is HF involved in this jamming? The key word is 'Communications' mentioning the HF band --- not the jamming, but communications \*about\* the exercise will be on HF, hardly unusual. This starts October 3, not 11.

Adjacent jamming exercise notices instead of alfabet jargon give the actual target:

``Frequency: A 24 MHz band centred around 1575.42 MHz (GPS L1)

Total Power: Up to 10 Watts EIRP``

So as far as we HF types are concerned, relax, never mind

(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Military exercises, especially multi-agency exercises, tend to last quite a while, 2 weeks is not a stretch at all. GPS jamming is very much a part of many military exercises today, in a hot situation with near equal technology forces you can expect your GPS to be jammed just as you can your communications.

The HF spectrum and the VHF/UHF spectrum mentioned look to be communications and data link frequencies. The microwave bands mentioned all host military radars.

C/D/E are often acquisition radars, F/G/I/J/K are often SAM, fire control, and airborne radars. I am only surprised they did not mention H band, there is likely some heavy allocation of commercial links to this band in the area (T!, UDXF yg via DXLD)

**\*\* U S A. VOA HQ WAS BRIEFLY EVACUATED DURING EARTHQUAKE**

US Geological Survey officials say Tuesday's 5.8 magnitude earthquake was the largest to strike the eastern part of the country since 1944. Authorities evacuated the US Capitol building, the Pentagon, and other federal buildings, including VOA headquarters, which temporarily stopped normal broadcasting after the ground began shaking.

(Source: Voice of America)(August 24th, 2011 - 12:59 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

VOA Evacuated After Quake - 8/23 - DCRTV hears that the DC-based Voice Of America headquarters was evacuated after Tuesday's quake, with reports of some major cracks in the old building. A small staff re-entered to continue programming, but all were told to evacuate and go to "house music" until at least 5 AM, early Wednesday. No newscasts even, we're told.

Update: Another source tells us that the Cohen Building that houses the VOA headquarters was declared safe and was reopened for business at 5:15 Tuesday afternoon. House music, a non-stop feed of instrumental music with no VOA identification or branding, was not used to replace programming. The automated VOA Music Mix network, that includes IDs/imaging/branding, was used on all program sources in lieu of regular programming regardless of language (Dave Hughes, <http://www.dcrtv.com> via WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DXLD)

**\*\* U S A. With Hurricane Irene approaching North Carolina, IBB Greenville may be affected --- precautionary closedown, power loss, or axual damage. However, most of their antennas are rated to withstand 250 mph winds, they have Diesel backup power to keep the transmitters on the air altho not at full power, and the buildings are 'hardened'.**

From latest HFCC info, here is the complete schedule from Greenville, NC (Site B), 35N28 077W12, the -to date in all cases being 29-Oct-2011 (that does not mean there will not be any further changes for any reason). Please monitor whether any of these transmissions are missing, and/or if propagationally they seem to be coming from somewhere else. IBB may well have a contingency plan to replace some of them with other sites for the duration.

From A11 Schedule of IBB

Start	UTC	Stop	CIRAF	Language	Beam	kW	Days (Sun=1)	From
5890	0000	0100	12-13	Spanish	174	250	34567	08-Apr-
6030	0000	0300	11	Spanish	225	250	1234567	08-Apr-
7365	0000	0300	11	Spanish	183	250	1234567	08-Apr-
9885	0000	0100	12-13	Spanish	146	250	34567	08-Apr-
11775	0000	0100	11	Spanish	172	250	1234567	21-May-
12000	0000	0100	12-13	Spanish	168	250	34567	27-Mar-
7465	0130	0200	12-13	English	184	250	34567	08-Apr-
9820	0130	0200	11-13	English	164	250	34567	08-Apr-
6030	0300	0900	11	Spanish	205	250	1 34567	27-Mar-
7405	0300	0400	11	Spanish	184	250	1 34567	08-Apr-
7405	0400	0700	11	Spanish	183	250	1 34567	27-Mar-
9880	0600	0630	46-48,52,53	French	91	250	23456	08-Apr-
5980	0700	0900	11	Spanish	174	250	1 34567	08-Apr-
5980	0900	1200	11	Spanish	174	250	1234567	08-Apr-
6030	0900	1300	11	Spanish	205	250	1234567	27-Mar-
9805	0900	1300	11	Spanish	183	250	1234567	08-Apr-
7405	1200	1400	11	Spanish	205	250	1234567	08-Apr-
9885	1200	1300	11SE,12NW	Spanish	184	250	1234567	08-Apr-
13750	1200	1300	12,14	Spanish	168	250	1234567	27-Mar-
15590	1200	1300	12,14	Spanish	174	250	1234567	08-Apr-
11845	1300	1700	11	Spanish	184	250	1234567	27-Mar-
13820	1300	2000	11	Spanish	174	250	1234567	27-Mar-
11930	1400	2400	11	Spanish	183	250	1234567	27-Mar-
9565	1700	2400	11	Spanish	164	250	1234567	27-Mar-
17820	1700	1730	46,47,52,53,57NE	Portuguese	94	250	1234567	27-Mar-
17820	1730	1800	46,47,52	Portuguese	94	250	1234567	27-Mar-
17820	1800	1830	46,47,52,53,57NE	Portuguese	94	250	23456	27-Mar-
15730	2000	2030	46-48,52,53	French	94	250	1234567	08-Apr-
15730	2030	2100	46-48,52,53	French	94	250	1 7	08-Apr-
6030	2200	2400	11	Spanish	205	250	1234567	27-Mar-
5890	2300	2400	12-13	Spanish	174	250	1234567	27-Mar-
9885	2300	2400	12-13	Spanish	146	250	1234567	08-Apr-
12000	2300	2400	12-13	Spanish	168	250	1234567	27-Mar-

17820 was still on in Portuguese at 1715 check August 26 (Glenn Hauser, August 26, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

VOA French was coming in strongly on 17530 at 2022 UT until 2030



signoff, the first strong VOA signal I've heard in the afternoon in months (Mike Cooper, GA, Aug 26, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

That's due east from BONAIRE at 1930-2030, following another hour of French almost due east from S,,o TomÉ also on 17530 (gh, DXLD)

9885, Aug 27 at 1239, VOA Spanish missing, but still going with weekend music fill on 13750, 15590. Hurricane Irene is now buffeting Greenville-B, but ancient transmitters are subject to breakdown anyway. See my yesterday's report for full Greenville schedule, more frequencies to check if missing.

UNC-TV has produced a video visit to VOA GB, must see:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BR0Wdg0rwgk>  
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn, Greenville was audible around 0630 UT+ on the 27th on 5980 (from 0700 - carrier earlier), 6030 and 7405, and in Spanish on 9805 after 0900. But today the 28th there is no audio/transmission on any of these frequencies - just noise on the Marti channels (Noel R. Green (NW England), 0905 UT Aug 28, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. As far as I can tell, Greenville frequencies have been off since before 1300 UT. Definitely missing: Portuguese from 1700 on 17820; French from 2000 on 15730.

The rest are Radio Marti, heavy jamming as usual, so can't be positive there is no RM signal under, perhaps at reduced power. At 2011, I could hear a trace of Spanish on 13820 under jamming, but that's because Sackville takes over at 20-22. If there is protracted silence from Greenville, Sackville would be the obvious choice for extended hours of RM.

RM 11930 and 9565 are scheduled until 2400;  
VOA Spanish at 23-24 on 5890, 9885 and 12000  
(Glenn Hauser, 2044 UT Aug 27, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Update: at 2305 Aug 27 check, the VOA Spanish service is unheard on 5890, 9885, 12000, tho some DentreCuban jamming is still on these frequencies.

We can see on the radar maps that Greenville has been hit hard by Hurricane Irene, but the wraparound winds from the N/NE are moving on up the coast. The problem at Greenville B is that the circuit breaker on the 69 kv line needs to be reset, but it's outside in the rain and not a good idea to open the cabinet.

As per previously gathered GB schedule, the only transmissions for the

rest of early UT Sunday are R. Martí: 6030 at 0000-1300, 7365 at 0000-0300, 11775 at 0000-0100, 7405 at 0300-0700 and 1200-1400, 5980 at 0700-1200, 9805 at 0900-1300. 11775 continues at 01-03 via Sackville.

IBB Greenville-B is still off the air 24 hours after last heard, altho Irene should be well out of the area by now: Aug 28 at 1229, VOA Spanish missing from 9885, 13750 and 15590; R. Martí 6030, 7405 and 9805 produced jamming only. At 1302, jamming only on 11845, ditto 1318 on 13820. Besides RM, only other scheduled broadcasts from GB today Sunday are 17-18 Portuguese on 17820, 20-21 French on 15730.

At 1700 Aug 28: 17820 still silent, and nothing but jamming (DentroCubans aren't taking any chances) on RM frequencies 13820, 11930, 9565. I fear there is more wrong at GB than just resetting the circuit breaker.

IBB Greenville is back on the air, Monday morning Aug 29, after two days off following hit by Hurricane Irene. It was rather waterlogged requiring some cleanup.

Checking for VOA Spanish, Aug 29 at 1228, I hear music on 9885, and then at 1231, news // 15590.

However, the third VOA frequency, 13750, has different music at 1228, soon obviously R. Martí on the wrong frequency! Things must have got mixed up during the outage. 1258, standard frequency list announced effective in ``pocos minutos``: 7405, 11845, 13820, cut modulation and open carrier for a few minutes before 13750 off. No jamming!!

Meanwhile I was checking the proper R. Martí frequencies; VOA Spanish might have been swapped onto one of them, but could not confirm that: at 1219, just jamming on 6030; at 1232, 9805 and 6030, only jamming audible; 7405 jamming but RM audible // 13750; at 1300 the jamming had started on 11845 and 13820 but no RM audible (it's often a bit late coming up in the best of times as disconnected IBB programmers do not build in any transition/retuning time, necessary with old SW transmitters). 7405 maybe has some audio under the jamming.

By 1339: 13820 bears RM, readable mixed with jamming; at 1342, 11845 with jamming only. At 1443, 13820 is good over jamming, 11845 and 11930 poor under jamming.

VOA Greenville B confirmed back on air also for African services, Aug 29 at 1810 in Portuguese on 17820; 2013 check in French on 15730, very good. I understand they are again running at full power after the storm.

13750, Aug 30 at 1236, Greenville back with VOA Spanish instead of

mistaken Martí 24 hours earlier; // 9885 with report from Tripoli by an accented correspondent.

17820, Aug 31 at 1311, very strong open carrier S9+22 atop DW Hausa via Portugal, traces emerging during OC fades: no doubt it's IBB Greenville back to its usual habit of tuning up the transmitter 4 hours ahead of the 1700 Portuguese on 17820, but off before 1312 uncovering DW (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A [non]. BBG programs in the following languages are currently jammed. 'Click' on the hypertext links [in blue] to hear sound samples from one of IBB's 75 remote monitoring systems.  
<http://monitor.ibb.gov/jamming/>

Broadcaster	Language	Notes	Date	UT	kHz	As heard in
VOA	Chinese	co-channel and 'echo'	07-12-11	1434	9845	Beijing
VOA	Korean		07-12-11	1908	6060	Ulaan Baatar
VOA	Persian	1593 kHz MW only	07-12-11	1812	1593	Erbil
VOA	Spanish	'Ventana a Caribe'	07-13-11	0039	9885	Quito
VOA	Tibetan		07-12-11	1438	17760	Kathmandu
VOA	Uzbek	by Chinese	07-12-11	1515	11940	Krasnodar
RFA	Korean		07-12-11	1702	5895	Seoul
RFA	Mandarin		07-12-11	0303	17615	Shanghai
RFA	Tibetan		07-13-11	0135	9885	Kathmandu
RFA	Uyghur		07-11-11	1637	9530	UlaanBaatar
RFA	Vietnamese		07-12-11	0006	11605	Hanoi
Radio Martí	MW	[1180 kHz] and SW	05-31-10	1909	11930	San José
Radio Farda	Persian	1575 & 1314 only	07-12-11	2002	1575	Yerevan

Last updated July 15, 2011 by Bill Whitacre ('Cool site' via Terry Krueger, DXLD)

Vietnamese vs RFA was especially interesting, as I don't recall reports of much such jamming from abroad; maybe groundwave audible circa Hanoi only where recorded? It's a siren, oscillating tone type.

Here's the complete latest IBB Vietnamese schedule, from HFCC, all RFA times to CIRA 49E. See if you can hear any such jamming on these:

7520	2330	2400	Iranawila	07N32	079E30	57	250
13740	2330	2400	Tinian Islands	15N03	145E36	280	250
15560	2330	2400	Tinian Islands	15N03	145E36	279	250
7445	0000	0030	Iranawila	07N32	079E30	73	250
13740	0000	0030	Agingan Pt, Saipan	15N07	145E42	285	100
15560	0000	0030	Tinian Islands	15N03	145E36	279	250

7520	1400	1500	Iranawila	07N32	079E30	73	250
9465	1400	1500	Agingan Pt, Saipan	15N07	145E42	285	100
9715	1400	1500	Tinian Islands	15N03	145E36	271	250
11680	1400	1500	Tinian Islands	15N03	145E36	279	250
12140	1400	1500	Iranawila	07N32	079E30	65	250

VOA Vietnamese is now on MW only; no longer on SW too: VOA A-Z now shows:

1300-1330 UT 1575 [Thailand]

1500-1600 UT 1170 [Philippines]

(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A [non]. 8TH MILITARY INFORMATION SUPPORT GROUP ACTIVATED AT FORT BRAGG. Posted: 29 Aug 2011

Fayetteville (NC) Observer, 27 Aug 2011: "The 8th Military Information Support Group (Airborne) was activated Friday at Fort Bragg. Col. Brian Cavanaugh uncased the colors of the group as part of a reorganization of all active-duty Army psychological operations forces. The ceremony was held on Meadows Field at the U.S. Army Special Operations Command headquarters. ... Military information support operations includes influencing foreign opinion on the battlefield and in disaster areas through print and broadcast. The 8th Group will have about 1,070 soldiers. ... The 8th Group will assume responsibility for the 1st, 5th and 9th Military Information Support Battalions. The 1st Battalion will operate in Latin America. The 5th will work in the Pacific, and the 9th is in charge of all tactical operations for military information support operations worldwide." (kimandrewelliott.com via WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DXLD)

\*\* U S A. 25910/FM, WBAP, Fort Worth TX studio link; 1526, 23-Aug; WBAP 24-7 News Rook [?]; ads/Fort Worth Motor Sports, Methodist Health Systems. Gone at 1703. Very peaky at 1649, 24-Aug. (Frodge-MI)

25990/FM, KSCS, Fort Worth TX studio link; 1520, 23-Aug; New Country 96-3 KSCS. Gone at 1703. Good at 1648, 24-Aug. (Frodge-MI)

25950/FM, KOA, Denver, studio link missing on 23-Aug & 24-Aug despite the two Fort Worth links heard (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)  
Sporadic E opening areas can be quite selective altho generally broader on HF than on VHF (gh, DXLD)

\*\* U S A. WORLD OF RADIO 1579 monitoring: first airing UT Thursday Aug 25 at 0330 on WRMI 9955: 0350 check, nothing but jamming audible, tnx a lot, Arnie! But confirmed on webcast at 0331. Next WRMI broadcasts:

Thu 1500, 2100, Fri 1430, Sat 0800, 1500, 1730, Sun 0800, 1530, 1730.  
WTWW: Thu 2100 9479, UT Sun 0400 5755  
WBCQ: Thu 2130 7415, UT Mon 0300v 5110v-CUSB  
WWRB: UT Fri 0330v on 5051  
WRN via SiriusXM 120: Sat & Sun 1730, Sun 0830. Full schedule  
including many other webcasts at:  
<http://www.worldofradio.com/radioskd.html>

WORLD OF RADIO 1579 monitoring:  
Thursday Aug 25 on WTWW 9479: confirmed starting at 2101  
WRMI 9955, just barely audible before 2130 altho not jammed  
WWRB 5051, confirmed starting at 0332 UT Friday August 26

Some further airings:  
UT Sunday 0400 on WTWW 5755  
UT Monday 0300v on WBCQ Area 51 5110v-CUSB  
And several on WRMI 9955. Full schedule at  
<http://www.worldofradio.com/radioskd.html>  
On WRN via SiriusXM 120: Sat & Sun 1730, Sun 0830

Altho no longer on SW from IRRS, we have confirmation that in July  
they were including WOR randomly on their webcasts; and also MW 1368,  
1566 in Italy, between 17 and 24 UT, times here CEST of UT+2; and some  
WOR editions have been skipped.

on 20110703 at 06:37:32 WOR 1569  
on 20110707 at 16:38:45 WOR 1571  
on 20110711 at 10:35:55 WOR 1571  
on 20110711 at 22:56:21 WOR 1571  
on 20110718 at 14:37:53 WOR 1571  
on 20110719 at 12:57:42 WOR 1571  
on 20110720 at 02:46:42 WOR 1571  
on 20110720 at 18:52:52 WOR 1571  
on 20110721 at 01:11:41 WOR 1571  
on 20110725 at 05:33:02 WOR 1574  
on 20110727 at 11:13:19 WOR 1574  
Like they said, 'random' so all you can do is tune in randomly too and  
maybe catch us.

WORLD OF RADIO 1579 monitoring: confirmed on WTWW 5755, UT Sunday Aug  
28 after 0400, VG signal. Besides WRMI and WRN, next airing is UT  
Monday 0300v via Area 51 on WBCQ 5110v-CUSB. Full schedule including  
many other webcasts:  
<http://www.worldofradio.com/radioskd.html>

WORLD OF RADIO 1579 monitoring: UT Monday Aug 29 just after 0300,  
confirmed on WBCQ Area 51 webcast and did not get around to checking  
5110v-CUSB. Followed by CKUT's 'International Radio Report' from

Sheldon Harvey and friend at 0330, as TS Irene was about to hit Montreal 13 hours earlier; live local news is shockingly missing on radio stations in this major city. Let us all thank Larry Will for carrying these two programs on Area 51! WBCQ 9330-CUSB was still on the air the following morning (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. 9955, Aug 31 at 0516 UT Wednesday after WRMI ID, 'Conexi n Digital Radio Deportes', new show I had not run across before, gives date as 29 de agosto, over/under considerable Cuban pulse jamming. Then checked the WRMI program grid updated 26 July, and see it listed then and three other times as 'CD Deportes'. Conexi n Digital is the name of a DX group based in Argentina, I assume only coincidentally, as I have seen no mention of such a sports show in their bulletin or listserve (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. WEWN is off the air August 26; seems every August they close down for a few days of maintenance, but there is nothing about this on their frequency schedule page <http://www.ewtn.com/radio/freq.htm>

Aug 26 at 1250, nothing on 7555, 12050 or 13580. After 1300 nothing on 11550 which normally takes over from 7555. 1710 nothing on scheduled 15610, 13830 or 11550. Victims of its squishy spurs plus and minus 9 and 18 kHz from the English-language transmitter get a temporary respite. Previous maintenance periods have failed to deal with this problem (nor squeal on one of the Spanish transmitters), so we don't expect any fix this time either. Speaking of fixes, what are Marian cultists going to do in the interim?

WEWN, all three transmitters missing earlier on Aug 26, but at 2124 found 15610 back on, poor in English about Guatemala; 13830 very poor in Spanish, nothing on 12050. So one transmitter is down, two are back.

Then UT Aug 27 still found on two out of three:

0537 on 11870, usual poor signal in Spanish, but nothing on 7555

1231, nothing on 7555

1240, 12050 fair with organ music during morning mass; squeal at 1356

1244, 13580 with same mass in original English, peaking S9+10 and

cannot hear any +/- 9 kHz spurs, making me wonder if they have swapped transmitters while one of them is down?

1325, 13580 is stronger now, still no spurs audible, but:

1357, 13580 now is strong enough to audiblize the spurs; never mind

1358, 15610 weak but audible with Regina C li IS, ex-13580; nothing on 11550 after 1300.

WEWN back to normal on three transmitters and three frequencies at once with usual defects, Aug 28:

0412, VG in Spanish on 5810

0434, poor in Spanish on 11870, // much stronger 5810  
0435, poor in English on 11520  
1238, very good in Spanish on 7555, mass  
1243, poor on 12050, mass with organ  
1245, very good on 13580, mass in English  
1256, very good on 11550, Regina Cúli prÉlude  
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also USA: WINB

\*\* U S A. 13570, Aug 28 at 1320, gospel music from WINB blasted by squishy/squeaky 13571v spur from WEWN 13580, with more of them audible around 13562, 13589, 13598. This happens only on Sundays when WINB is currently active in the mornings, until WEWN QSYs to 15610 by 1400. Christians vs Christians! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. 9370-, Aug 27 at 1233 and 1355, no signal from WTJC; no doubt off due to Hurricane Irene. Newport is at the southern end of the Cape, only a few miles inland. God's wrath for daring to represent Him without permission?

9370-, WTJC remained off the air at 1912 UT Aug 27; I checked later exactly where the eye of H. Irene made landfall, and it was Cape Lookout, which is right next to Morehead City and WTJC Newport (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WTJC was off 9370 on the 27th, and is still not audible today the 28th (Noel R. Green (NW England), 0905 UT Aug 28, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. 9370-, Aug 29 at 0517, WTJC is back on the air after a couple days off after direct hit by Irene, closing(?) program with website <http://www.songministries.org> in Greenville SC. Undermodulated. Also on some 7 hours later, so seems back to stay (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. At 0630+ on 9 MHz from NoAM I only hear WBCQ 9330 (best using LSB) at fair strength, and a weaker signal from WRMI 9955.

And BTW - there was a buzz-saw noise on 9955 on the 27th which I thought might be jamming, but today the 28th the same noise is on 9965, and I also hear it on 9565 too, today. It's still audible at 0900. Is it Cuba leaving jammers on air for no reason? (Noel R. Green (NW England), 0905 UT Aug 28, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes! As for WBCQ, LSB? Is normally USB on 9330 with LSB suppressed. Just checked it and yes, USB + carrier (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

My apologies - WBCQ 9330 is indeed best on USB not LSB as I wrote. It was a fair strength signal today (29th) around 0630 UT, but there was

no trace of WTJC 9370.

The buzz-saw noise was not heard today on any frequency on 9 MHz, and Brazil (David Miranda?) was clear channel and on exact 9565.00 as far as I could determine around 0645. Marti was audible and mixing with jamming on 6030, 5980 and 7405 at 0700, while 9805 came up as sched at 0900 at good strength and over any jamming that might have been present - and still audible at 1030 (Noel R. Green (NW England), dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9330-CUSB, Aug 31 at 0512, WBCQ once again broadcasting dead air only, instead of Good Friends Radio Network; still the same at 0518, 0532, but at next check 1234, religion had resumed, ending a program with Norcross GA address (not to be confused with better-known Waycross, almost twice as large). Why does this keep happening? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. [WWRB] Station News: August 31st, 2011  
Winter Broadcast Schedule Beginning (August 17, 2011)

Starting September 1st, 2011, Radio Station WWRB starts the winter broadcast season using the frequencies 3.215 MHz and 3.195 MHz. It is very important to note that during the winter broadcast season, any shortwave broadcast station located in the western hemisphere of the earth may suffer from excessive signal skip, and may not be able to supply reliable coverage to your intended audience using frequencies over 4.000 MHz.

Radio Station WWRB currently has several prime-time nighttime slots available for broadcasters on 3.215 MHz and 3.195 MHz. If you would like to optimize your ministry or radio program's coverage, our frequency coordinators can help. For your convenience, you can contact them seven nights per week between 8:00 pm - 12:00 am Eastern Time at (931) 563-3783 or (931) 728-6087 (from <http://www.wwrb.org> via DXLD)

Winter? No 3195 or 3215 heard UT Sept 2 yet, still on 5051, including WORLD OF RADIO at 0330v UT Friday; maybe from next week? (gh, DXLD)

\*\* U S A. Pete Peters Obit --- Hello Glenn, Did you know Pastor Pete Peters had died back in early July? I'm certainly not one of his supporters and hadn't heard about this.

This evening, shortly before 0100 UTC Monday, 8/29, I stumbled onto a message on WWCN by someone I'm not familiar with. He was giving a bit of history of the key people in the Kingdom Identity movement, as he called it, and he mentioned Pastor Peters had passed away.

At the top of the hour I tuned to WTWW, 5755, where reference was made



of Peters' passing. I did a Google search for his obit and found these two links from the Scriptures for America people.

<http://www.sfaw.org/newsletters/Volume%207%202011%20for%20web.pdf>

<http://www.sfaw.org/letter.html>

Presumably they'll carry on with Peters' messages on the air as they have been for the past few weeks. It will be similar to what Dr. Gene Scott's ministry has done after his death. My apologies if this is old news. 73, (John Wesley Smith, KC0HSB, Aug 28, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

John, Yes, we had a lot of news about this shortly after he died. Check back issues of DXLD. SFAW kept it secret for about a week until after the funeral. But we hadn't seen issue 7 of The Dragonslayer newsletter, linked above, a 27-page pdf with lots of photos and praise of PPP, starting with a bloody depiction of a slain dragon. It also discusses succession; apparently someone known as Ramrod has got the nod to lead the group (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. 7520, WRNO, New Orleans. Good reception of an English Bible study at 1045, 18/8 (Dennis Allen, Milperra NSW (Icom R75, Realistic DX160, Dipole, Sept Australian DX News via DXLD)

Wherever did you get the idea this was WRNO, which has been off the air all year, and used to be on 7506v?

7520 at this time is WWCR, ex-9985. BTW, I wonder if they left 9985 as a result of my complaint that the 15+ kHz spur from WWCR-1 was QRMing WWV/H on 10000? WWCR never acknowledged my 'help' and won't talk to me (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

\*\* U S A. The following is the Tentative 30 October 2011 to 25 March 2012 High Frequency Schedule for Family Stations, Inc., WYFR

Note: Schedule information showing languages for transmissions carried by WYFR for other broadcasters will have to be obtained directly from the other broadcasters. [i.e., not including relays of R. Taiwan International in these versions]

#### TIME SORT

TIME (UTC)	LANG	FREQ (KHZ)	AZ
2200-0045	PORT	9690	142
2200-0200	SPAN	5985	181
2200-0200	SPAN	15440	285
2200-2245	PORT	17575	140
2200-2245	SPAN	11580	142
2200-2245	SPAN	12160	151
2300-0000	ENGL	9430	160

2300-0000	ENGL	15400	151
2300-0000	PORT	11720	142
2300-0045	SPAN	13615	160
2300-0200	SPAN	9355	160
0000-0045	ENGL	11720	142
0000-0045	FREN	15400	151
0000-0045	PORT	9430	160
0000-0100	PORT	11885	140
0100-0145	PORT	9930	142
0100-0145	SPAN	11885	140
0100-0200	PORT	11825	160
0100-0300	SPAN	7570	160
0100-0300	SPAN	9985	151
0100-0357	SPAN	6890	222
0200-0300	ENGL	5985	181
0200-0300	SPAN	9930	222
0300-0357	SPAN	5985	181
0300-0400	ENGL	9930	222
0400-0500	SPAN	9930	222

# FREQUENCY SORT

FREQ (KHZ)	TIME (UTC)	LANG	AZ
5985	2200-0200	SPAN	181
5985	0200-0300	ENGL	181
5985	0300-0357	SPAN	181
6890	0100-0357	SPAN	222
7570	0100-0300	SPAN	160
9355	2300-0200	SPAN	160
9430	2300-0000	ENGL	160
9430	0000-0045	PORT	160
9690	2200-0045	PORT	142
9930	0100-0145	PORT	142
9930	0200-0300	SPAN	222
9930	0300-0400	ENGL	222
9930	0400-0500	SPAN	222
9985	0100-0300	SPAN	151
11580	2200-2245	SPAN	142
11720	2300-0000	PORT	142
11720	0000-0045	ENGL	142
11825	0100-0200	PORT	160
11885	0000-0100	PORT	140
11885	0100-0145	SPAN	140
12160	2200-2245	SPAN	151
13615	2300-0045	SPAN	160
15400	2300-0000	ENGL	151
15400	0000-0045	FREN	151
15440	2200-0200	SPAN	285

17575                    2200-2245                    PORT                    140

# LANGUAGE SORT

[resorted by gh from frequency into time order under each language]

LANG	TIME (UTC)	FREQ	AZ
ENGL	2300-0000	9430	160
ENGL	2300-0000	15400	151
ENGL	0000-0045	11720	142
ENGL	0200-0300	5985	181
ENGL	0300-0400	9930	222
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(Evelyn Marcy, WYFR Okeechobee, Aug 23, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A [non]. 11535, Aug 29 at 1249, Acts II being read at dictation speed in English, YFR via Paochung site, TAIWAN, per Aoki, supposedly Chinese service during this hour.

15750, new YFR frequency until 1300, site??? See UNIDENTIFIED

\*\* U S A. Looking for Hurricane Watch Net on 14325, I don't hear anything, but notice something on 14313-USB, Aug 26 at 1319. At first rather than a 2-way contact, sounds like a broadcast, playing recording of Riley Hollingsworth at Dayton, including audience reaxion. Two automatic CW IDs went by before they could register on my

brain. Apparently discussing Glenn Baxter K1MAN; one guy refers to a website the other was not familiar with, <http://www.ve7kfm.com> for info about a Canadian fruitcake. K3VR mentioned with W7CPA (? Not sure of latter call). K3VR is Bryan Crow, arch-critic of Glenn Baxter. They were apparently talking over K1MAN himself, weaker signal heard saying during a pause ``I am going to take legal action`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. Confirmed WA6RXZ jamming radio signal recorded by KJ6FYX 2-13-11

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AyIJso-qfkE>

Beyond Funny (Terry Krueger, FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Plus numerous comments; a bid of a feud going on (gh, DXLD)

\*\* U S A. FYI. WNTP 990 Philadelphia operating at 50 kW and day pattern under 73.1520(f) due to Irene (Rev. Rene' F. Tetro, Director of Engineering and IT, Salem Communications - Philadelphia, WFIL 560 AM: "Philadelphia's Christian Teaching & Talk Station" WNTP 990 AM: "Intelligent Conservative Talk"

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0513 UT Aug 28, ABDX via DXLD)

Hi Rene, We pray you guys get through everything OK. We have lots of family in Pennsylvania. Can you remind me please, what direction does your day pattern favor? 73 (Tim Hall, near San Diego, CA, ibid.)

Mostly southeast, but we also put about 7 kW to the NW and about 3 kW to the west (Rene', ibid.)

\*\* U S A. If anyone needs New York on 1050 (normally ESPN, currently nonstop hurricane coverage), they are in for me here in St. Louis, Missouri, midnight Saturday/Sunday, Central Local Time. A new catch! Normally never heard due to Canadians; probably on daytime pattern? The web stream is 73 seconds behind the over the air signal, for what it's worth (Earl Higgins, St. Louis, Missouri, NRC-AM via DXLD)

FINALLY heard here at 0110 CLT [0610 UT]. Faint under CHUM with non-stop coverage of Hurricane Irene, news about power outages in Connecticut read by woman. The stream, I'd say, is probably closer to 80 seconds behind WEPN's terrestrial signal. Last heard as WEVD from Iowa City many years ago. 73, (Rick Dau, South Omaha, Nebraska, 27 Aug, ibid.)

Re: [NRC-AM] Hurricane tonight, NY to MA --- I noticed 1050 NYC was different last night prior to sundown. Sounded refreshing the non-sports. I would have no idea of their night pattern. I could notice almost nothing abnormal on the dial otherwise. Normal programming and satellite feed. (evening)

I listening to car radio at 4-5 AM and it was terrible. Hard to hear any stations. Probably due to conditions as it was kind of eeeeeerie with constant lightning flashes.

WELI 960 was running some TV feed of the weather. Local WICC 600 actually had one person there that sounded like they were worried about themselves. Their antenna is out on the ocean. I fell asleep and woke up and have not even looked outside. BUT---

A lot of news hype about terrible storms. I'd guess all is appropriate. It would have been a big disaster if winds were twice what they were. I think it came ashore right where I was and got the 'eye' if there was one (it predicted Westport, CT area)

Along the coast here there are many storms around the year that are similar. Those 'NorthEasters'... State rain about 8-9 inches. I think winds were only 60 mph and as I said if they were twice things could have been really bad. Power outages set a record. Oddly I still have power. Time to look out the window and hope not another flooded basement (terriblywet, [how apropos, the only name he uses], 1622 UT Aug 28, ABDX via DXLD)

<http://www.radio-info.com/news/irene-batters-new-england-radio-stations-toll-is-worse-than-expected>

(via Artie Bigley, DXLD) Brief story about stations in Rhode Island, Maine; follow more at:

<http://boards.radio-info.com/smf/index.php?topic=196863.0>

(Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

Just saw this on the latest email update from insideradio.com this morning: Rising waters at their co-located transmitter site has taken New York Public Radio's WNYC (820) and Salem's religious WMCA (570) off the air. Principle Broadcasting's Boston market ethnic WJDA, Quincy (1300) has lost its tower (Randy Stewart, Springfield MO, Aug 29, IRCA via DXLD)

IRENE HITS NERW-LAND

<http://www.fybush.com/NERW/2011/110829/nerw.html>

Stay tuned to our Twitter and Facebook feeds for breaking-news updates as they happen! <http://twitter.com/neradiowatch>

<http://www.facebook.com/NERadioWatch>

This was supposed to have been an "off" week for NERW as we regained our bearings after several weeks away in the midwest and as we keep plugging away on the new fybush.com, coming this fall to an internet near you...but events intervened, and so here's the latest (as of Sunday night) on the aftermath of Hurricane Irene and some other big stories breaking in the region:

The storm, of course, dominated the news in most of NERW-land for much of the week leading up to its weekend arrival, and for all of the usual hand-wringing about "was the coverage overboard?" and "why are those reporters standing outside in the storm?" that accompanies any storm coverage these days, broadcast media along most of the storm's path rose to the occasion and, from what we could see, did a generally fine job keeping people informed as Irene made its way north after making landfall Saturday in North Carolina.

With more than a day to go before the slow-moving storm was due to hit New Jersey, New York and New England, there were hours upon hours of airtime to fill with the usual speculation that blankets the airwaves - but there was also time for radio and TV to prepare, and that they did. In an era when many radio newsrooms have been slashed to ribbons, the word of the weekend was "simulcast" - not just TV on radio but also AM news on FM - and there was plenty of it to go around.

In New York City, ESPN flagship WEPN (1050) picked up the audio feed of Disney-owned sister station WABC-TV (Channel 7), while CBS Radio put WINS (1010)'s audio on sister station WWFS (102.7) at the height of the storm Sunday morning and Buckley's WOR (710) carried audio from WNBC (Channel 4). On the Jersey shore, Millennium's - er, Townsquare's - "New Jersey 101.5" (WKXW Trenton) put its audio back on a former simulcast outlet, WENJ-FM (97.3 Millville) to better reach the coast.

In Philadelphia, WURD (900) carried audio from ABC's WPVI (Channel 6) at the height of the storm. In Connecticut, Clear Channel's WELI (960 New Haven) simulcast on sister station WKCI (101.3) for a few hours on Sunday, while other radio clusters turned to TV stations to provide storm coverage.

Much of the industry's attention, unsurprisingly, was focused on all-news radio in New York City, where the storm provided the first really big test for Merlin's new WEMP (FM News 101.9) as it takes on CBS Radio's entrenched pairing of WCBS (880) and WINS (1010). In typical Randy Michaels fashion, WEMP jumped into the fray with some aggressive promos suggesting that "AM doesn't work during storms" - but it backed up the promotions with a reasonably solid (if still sometimes inconsistent) effort over the weekend that was at least competitive with the quality work WCBS and WINS delivered. (WEMP's programming had another outlet for part of the weekend, as WFTL in West Palm Beach

simulcast "FM News" for displaced New Yorkers in South Florida; WCBS, for its part, was able to remain all-news all day on Sunday as its usual Yankees games were displaced to sister station WFAN, where the storm postponed the Mets games.)

When the storm itself finally hit, of course, it was somewhat weaker than many of the early predictions - but that still spelled trouble for plenty of NERW-land stations.

While most of the damage (as best we can tell on Sunday evening) was limited to power outages, at least one station was not as lucky. Along the Massachusetts coast, WJDA (1300 Quincy) appears to have lost its tower to some combination of Irene's winds and flooding. Floods are common at WJDA's tower site along Rock Island Cove, long ago washing out the road that once led to the transmitter building. As of Sunday afternoon, WJDA was silent, and at least one NERW reader reported not being able to see the tower where it once stood.

(You can get a peek at the now-former WJDA tower at this Tower Site of the Week installment.)

Other signals silenced at least temporarily by Irene included three New York AM stations in the New Jersey Meadowlands: co-located WMCA (570) and WNYC (820) in Kearny and WWRV (1330) in Hackensack. Elsewhere in New Jersey, coastal stations silenced included WOND (1400), WMGM (103.7) and WAYV (95.1), with the latter two, both big class B signals, still silent Sunday evening; inland, WDVR (89.7 Delaware Township), WNTI (91.9 Hackettstown) and WHCY (106.3 Blairstown) were silent at points on Sunday as well.

While it didn't get much national attention amidst the focus on New York City, the Hudson Valley took a big hit, with numerous stations in the Poughkeepsie, Kingston and Albany [markets] off the air at least temporarily due to power loss and high winds.

In New England, Boston-area AMs WNTN (1550 Newton) and WXBR (1460 Brockton) were reported silent during the storm; in Hartford, WRTC (89.3) was silent not because of transmitter damage or power loss but because Trinity College closed down all activities for the weekend. On TV, Hartford CBS affiliate WFSB (Channel 3) lost power at its Rocky Hill studios on Sunday and was apparently struggling to get its generator running, resulting in a stripped-down newscast emanating from the newsroom instead of the studio.

And we're still awaiting word on the storm's effects as it moved into northern New England and dumped intense rain and wind on areas such as the Connecticut River Valley; stay tuned here and on our Facebook and Twitter feeds for updates as they become available (Scott Fybush, NE

Radio Watch Aug 29 via DXLD)

The two New York market stations silenced by Hurricane Irene are back on the air. Salem's religious teaching WMCA (570) and New York Public Radio's WNYC (820) were both silenced when their adjacent transmitter sites along the New Jersey Turnpike were flooded. WNYC is still operating at what the station says is every low power while repairs to its facilities continue. Now there's Tropical Storm Katia brewing in the Atlantic (Inside Radio Aug 31 via Mike Terry, UK, dxldyg via DXLD)

Any Vermont stations on the air for the flooding? That is a tough state to hear even in VA (George Santulli, 30 Aug, IRCA via DXLD)

WDEV-550 has been fairly widely reported, George. No doubt running non-directional. As opposed to:  
<http://www.radio-locator.com/cgi-bin/pat?call=WDEV&service=AM&status=L&hours=N>  
(Marc DeLorenzo, South Dennis, Cape Cod, Massachusetts, 1455 UT Aug 30, <http://www.wtfda.info/showthread.php?t=228>  
IRCA via DXLD)

WDEV: COMMUNITY RADIO EXCELS WHERE CORPORATE MEDIA FAILS --- A revealing and interesting interview on "Democracy Now" this morning about coverage (and lack thereof) of the Vermont floods generated by Hurricane / Tropical Storm Irene.  
[http://www.democracynow.org/2011/8/30/vermont\\_radio\\_station\\_provides\\_crucial\\_details](http://www.democracynow.org/2011/8/30/vermont_radio_station_provides_crucial_details)  
(John Figliozi, Halfmoon, NY, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Thanks Glen[n]. A terrific program which points out the importance of radio and what it needs to do to survive (Mark, IRCA via DXLD)

I was listening by stream to KYW, Philadelphia and they did their thing. And WPHT teamed up with KYW-TV as the storm progressed. You see, Philadelphia got hit with heavy Rain and basements floods, trees down and the electric service putting up wiring. Even though it covered Philly, these stations were 50000 watt flame throwers. And these stations also had correspondents on the South Jersey shores. There was one TV station on that I did not tune in to and that was WMGM-TV at Atlantic City, NJ. What I was most interested was My Sister and how she was holding up after her basement flooded. I also heard the story about traffic and all the things going on on the roads. I imagine that all the rush hour traffic was very very rough in Philadelphia and suburbs.

Another thing was that Directv was streaming local stations as part of their coverage. I don't know what the station call letters were in



North Carolina. For a little bit I was listening to WAVY in Norfolk, Va. As the storm moved up the coast, Directv switched to WMAL-TV in Washington DC. After a while as the Hurricane moved past Atlantic City and the South Jersey Shores and Directv switched to WABC-TV in New York City, For some reason they skipped Philadelphia. Philadelphia was on the fringes of the storm, but as I mentioned, they got their share of rain and wind and. I did not tune in to every station north of New York in Irene's path (Richard Lewis, Working with a Dell Computer for streaming, Working with Directv on channel 359, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. 1160, Aug 27 at 1203, 7:03 time on ``La Super Equis, 11-60 AM`` in KSL null, then live YL DJ. Cant` has 5 Mexicans on 1160, none with this slogan, nor any X in the callsigns after the first letter! How about the one in X-alapa, Veracruz, XEBE, Radio Perote? That`s really too far east at this hour, and too far-fetched.

Could it be a US domestic? Googling finds Super X was the name of Albuquerque 1190 a dekayear ago, and currently of 1250 in Kansas City, but that`s no help. Maybe it`s a syndicated/group name? It`s in the CDT zone. There are two Texans: KVCE in Highland Park, address in Houston; and KRDY San Antonio as in Radio Disney per last year`s NRC AM Log. Has one of those Hispanicized?

Aha, got it, by changing the Google from Equis to X: it`s merely Kansas City, <http://www.lasuperx1160.com/> Just try to find a callsign on that website! Last year`s NRC-AM log has KCTO, Cleveland MO, address in Liberty MO, talk/oldies format. FCC AM Query shows it`s still KCTO, COL Cleveland. That`s such a speck, it`s not in the Rand McNally index, but finally found it south of KC MO on the MO side of the border, while address in Liberty MO [not KS as in my original post] is way up on the NE side of KC. But is the site in KS or MO? Longitude is 94-36-28. This source [http://www.netstate.com/states/geography/ks\\_geography.htm](http://www.netstate.com/states/geography/ks_geography.htm) says Kansas starts at 94 degrees 38 minutes west, so that puts it in MO, barely.

So what has become of KYYS 1250 Kansas City KS, which had been ``La Super Equis``? It`s easy to hear here but had not paid much attention to current sloganeering; still in Spanish, anyway. Domain <http://www.lasuperx1250.com/> has expired.

Following up yesterday`s report of `La Super X` on 1160 being KCTO in the Kansas City market, so what is 1250, which had used that slogan? Aug 28 at 1217, 1250 IDs merely as ``La Equis, 12-50, la s`per estaciUn`` by super-hype locutor, denigrating the unnamed competition as ``ruido`` = noise. Ad for a ``gran baile`` 4 de Setiembre featuring a musical group from Chihuahua, which could send one way off on the wrong track. Then ad in Spanish mentioning multiple locations in

Kansas City area, pronounced by YL/child as in English. 1160 was also audible but 1250 much stronger. So 1250 is merely La X, and 1160 is La Super X; are they jointly owned, since the Super X slogan transferred from 1250 to 1160? No, FCC AM Query shows 1160 KCTO is owned by Alpine Broadcasting Corp.; 1250 KYYS by Entercom, so must be bitter rivals fighting over that valuable X branding! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. 1270, Aug 30 at 1217 UT, thought I was getting Tulsa in Spanish, but traffic report was for Irving and other parts of DFW Metroplex, ID as La Voz del Pueblo, i.e. KFLC Fort Worth. Also with IBOC noise on the sides, which is not the case from Tulsa (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. TEXAS CHINESE RADIO, HOME-GROWN COMPETITION FOR CRI AND CCTV IN HOUSTON. Posted: 29 Aug 2011  
<http://app1.kuhf.org/articles/1314400373-Chinese-Radio-Targets-Expats-And-Those-Learning-Mandarin.html>

KUHF-FM (Houston), 29 Aug 2011, Ed Mayberry: "Tuning up and down the AM dial in the Houston area, there's more than the usual mix of news, sports talk and Rush Limbaugh. Broadcasting on 1540, KGBC [Galveston] rebroadcasts China Radio International, the state-owned broadcaster from Beijing. ... The broadcasts are part of a \$6.6 billion effort by the Chinese government to expand its worldwide influence. That includes television. On television, there's channel 55.5, branded as ITV ó one of six HD channels on KTBU, mainly presenting round-the-clock news from China Central Television, in Mandarin. ...

But there's also an AM station that targets the over 200,000 Chinese expats in the Houston area. It's AM 1320 Texas Chinese Radio. ... Judd Huang is with AM 1320 Texas Chinese Radio. 'Our programming is like a variety show, and our local programming (is) based on interviews. We talk about immigration, we talking about medical, we talk about sports. And then we also do local news reports.'" With audio.  
(kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD) Chinese 1320 common here nights (gh)

\*\* U S A. KCTE 1510 on all night off-frequency --- 1509.83, KCTE, MO, ESPN programming "Hot Talk 15-10 K-C-T-E Independence, Kansas City" on \*all\* overnight TOH recordings 2300CDT 26AUG11 - 0700CDT 27AUG11. Tulsa is almost "dead-center" in the SW lobe of KCTE directional pattern. Bad het against WLAC and others on 1510.00. Daytimer on all night and off-frequency to boot --- anybody home?? (Bruce Winkelman AA5CO, R8, Par EndFedz SWL, Tulsa, OK, 1246 UT Aug 27, NRC-AM via DXLD)

I was also noticing its characteristic het around 0530 UT Aug 27, figured that was the source, but didn't remember it is supposed to be

strictly a daytimer. Usually we hear that around sunrise and sunset (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Around 03:00 CDT [0800 UT] this morning I noted the resultant het/rumble this station caused against WLAC. For several minutes the rumble was changing frequency indicating their carrier was drifting (Tom Jasinski, Joliet IL, Aug 27, IRCA mailing list via DXLD)

1510v, Aug 28 at 0440, slightly variable het. This is commonly heard around sunrise and sunset but not in the nightmiddle, previously tracked months ago to KCTE Independence MO. We also noted the het 23 hours earlier but did not log it; Bruce Winkelman in Tulsa did, measured on 1509.83 with IDs all night every hour on the hour, ESPN programming. Listed as 10 kW daytimer-only. On NRC-AM, Bruce says, ``Tulsa is almost "dead-center" in the SW lobe of KCTE directional pattern. Bad het against WLAC and others on 1510.00. Daytimer on all night and off-frequency to boot --- anybody home??`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I happened to be doing some overnight recordings last night on my Perseus, and noticed an off-frequency signal on 1510 (well actually more like 1509.82, and fluctuating, as you noted), which must have been KCTE. Didn't 'catch a call sign, but did hear the "Hot Talk" slogan. Another oddity on 1510 was that KMSD Milbank, SD was dominating most of the night, not typical if they were on night power. 73, (Nigel Pimblett, Dunmore, Alberta, 27 Aug, IRCA via DXLD)

1510+, Aug 29 at 0535, ESPN programming making a big slightly warbling het with decent 1510.0 stations such as WLAC, at least the third night in a row that 10 kW daytimer KCTE, Independence MO is not only on the air at night, but off-frequency as it has been for many months. Will the FCC now wake up and do something about this?? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

1510+, Aug 30 at 0533, KCTE Independence MO is still illegally on the air at night and illegally far beyond frequency tolerance for at least the fourth night in a row, hetting proper 1510 signals (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. KXEL 1540 WATERLOO OFF THE AIR AGAIN --- Noticed KXEL missing this afternoon 8/25/11. This was on their website, kxel.com:

``On July 11th, straight line winds damaged a section of the roof at the KXEL transmitter building in Dysart, exposing our transmitter to the elements. The initial damage was repaired. Since then, residual damage has occurred through routine operation. Our engineer and consultants from the manufacturer are working to repair this new damage. KXEL will resume broadcasting as soon as possible. As always,

local news updates can be heard on our sister station, Oldies 1330 KWLO.``

So, if you missed DXing with them missing before, now's your chance (Tom Nyberg, Sumner, IA, 0300 UT Aug 26, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

So what is this 'residual damage' showing up later? For what was DXed without KXEL, see BAHAMAS [and non] (gh, DXLD) Back on, Aug 28:

KXEL 1540 at 0200 UT this morning, first time this new season  
<http://www.box.net/shared/0h4jox6i46a25rvj087r>  
73, (Maurits Van Driessche, Belgium, Aug 28, MWCircle yg via DXLD)

\*\* U S A. NEW TRANSMITTER SITE 1660 KRZI WACO

KRZI 1660 (ESPN) is now operating from their new transmitter site closer to the center of town. The new facility uses a 1/4 wave base insulated vertical, still 10kw day / 1 kw night. The tower is not lighted and is just under 150 feet tall.

It may be interesting to compare the new coverage with that of WTAW 1620 in College Station which uses a 5/8 wave vertical and is only about 85 miles from KRZI. The original site was about 10 miles south of Waco and used an FM tower to support a folded unipole, an arrangement the new owner found undesirable (JLenamon, Waco TX, Aug 31, ABDX via DXLD)

They put a faint, but listenable signal into Houston. I'll try over the weekend and see if there is any improvement. 1620 put about the same signal over Plano, TX. Weak but listenable. They hobble their coverage, though, with IBOC (Bruce Carter, TX, ibid.)

\*\* U S A. Keith, of foodnotbombs was the guest interviewed on KRZA 88.7 Alamosa/Taos via Live365 webcast, Aug 30 at 1430-1500 UT. Says he has a 45-watt FM transmitter on hand and invited contacts from people who would like to work with him on putting it on air. Says he was a co-founder of the longtime but now defunct pirate, San Francisco Liberation Radio. He's now in Taos awaiting copies of his new book to organize a book-signing. Contact via <http://www.foodnotbombs.net/> --- avoid .com and .org! Address on site is really nearby Arroyo Seco NM (Dry Wash). Has a neat animated opening about the Food Not Bombs ethic (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. 94.5 in ABQ? At higher elevations in ABQ, I can get a very eclectic (non-commercial?) station on my car radio at 94.5 FM. No DJ, no ads (although my wife swears she heard an ad in Dutch once), and a totally eclectic mix of music -- almost like old time pirate stations

except even weirder. Can anyone identify this station for me? Where do they broadcast from? Thanks in advance. (Coyote, Aug 3, radio-info.com NM board via DXLD)

That is a pirate operating from 1505 Parsifal NE, near Eubank and Constitution (ABQRADIO, ibid.)

How can you tell he is a pirate, the peg-leg or the parrot. If it's the patch, that's no pirate, that's Al Hurricane. Grin; seriously, I am very Impressed by your response, how did you know that? (Hornet61, ibid.)

Thank for the reply. I didn't mean to "out" these guys. I just love their programming. Pirates or not, this broadcaster rocks (Coyote, Aug 4, ibid.)

The "Eagle Eye" is forever vigilant. Tongue (ABQRADIO, ibid.)

Big Brother is watching he is Always watching be afraid be very afraid (DoubleC, ibid.)

I had 94.5 on the car stereo driving around ABQ. My wife remarked that she really liked the music. She does not normally react to music on the radio (except to occasionally sing along with 107.5/1600 - only the AM makes it up Tijeras Canyon). Then I had to let her in on the awful truth about 94.5 - that for her, the best station in ABQ is a pirate (K6JHU, Aug 16, ibid.)

I totally agree with your wife. Where else could you listen to a set list featuring Tina Turner, J.S. Bach, the Beatles, English sea chanties, Smokey Robinson, the Rolling Stones, Hank Williams, and an ad for a clothing store in Amsterdam (in Dutch)? Forget all that niche-demographic marketing crap. I hope no one ever makes this pirate walk the plank! (Coyote, Aug 17, ibid.)

So it blox the Gallup station on 94.5, which is what we used to hear driving into ABQ from the east out of Tijeras Cañon, i.e. hi elevation probably line of sight to Gallup (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. I didn't notice this posted, and thought the depositing of the Fairness Doctrine in the regulatory dustbin, along with 80+ other outdated regulations, deserved note. The Obama administration had previously stated they had no intention of attempting to revive the Fairness Doctrine, despite occasional legislative noise in that regard. It's nice to see them carry through with their intentions and put the final nail in the coffins of this and other outdated regulations (Jay Heyl, ABDX via DXLD)

I never found the Fairness Doctrine onerous and the revisionist history that it "stifled free speech" is nonsense. In the As far back as the 1960s (as I point out in my book about the history of talk shows), there were as many rightie talkers and leftie talkers. All the FD said was you had to present both sides of issues, but it did not say when. It's a myth that the moment a rightie said X, you had to get a leftie who could say Y. The way many talk stations dealt with the FD was to have a rightie talk show in one shift, and then a leftie talk show in another. And those stations got good ratings, and the public was informed. Radio is much more one-sided now, since the abolition of the FD in 1987. 95% of talk shows are hosted by conservative Republicans. In the past, both sides were heard, but now, not so much (Donna Halper, *ibid.*) Subject then banned by ABDX moderator (gh)

\*\* U S A. FED FUNDING: OUT OF FRY PAN, INTO FIRE

By Richard S. Towne, KUNM General Manager

[http://kunm.net/pdf/Zounds\\_20110901.pdf](http://kunm.net/pdf/Zounds_20110901.pdf)

Here comes a great big hole I want you to avoid when Congress adjourns [sic] to debate (and I use the word loosely) next year's federal budget ñ the one that is supposed to fund the federal government starting October 1, 2011. Here is the hole:

iYeah, public broadcasting is okay and all, but right now we just can't afford it.î Don't step in that hole. Walk around that hole. Keep walking and don't even look at that deep dark hole.

Truth be told, right now we can't be without public broadcasting. There is so much work to be done, by all parties, on so many issues. Defunding public broadcasting will actually increase the attention deficit and create an intolerable debt for civil dialogue and civic engagement. Are we as a nation ready to walk away from public media that brings us non-commercial, in-depth and diverse points-of-view? Don't step in that hole.

Here is the latest information crossing my desk from NPR's Vice President for Policy and Representation Mike Riksen. When NPR was formed by member stations, the stations gave NPR a role in representing the public radio system to Congress and the President. Riksen is keeping tabs on federal funding for public broadcasting.

You will see the critical deadline on October 14, 2011 when the House and Senate Committees must complete all funding recommendations to the Committee. I hope you will be engaged in this critical budget process by contacting Congress well ahead of the October 14 deadline. You can follow the action and key votes by registering at <http://170millionamericans.org/>

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS by Mike Riksen, August 15, 2011.

iAnd the names areö

Senators Patty Murray (D-WA), John Kerry (D-MA), Max Baucus (D-MT), Patrick Toomey (R-PA), Jon Kyl (R-AZ), Rob Portman (R-OH) and Representatives Fred Upton (R-MI), Dave Camp (R-MI), Jeb Hensarling (R-TX), Xavier Beccera (D-CA), James Clyburn (D-SC) and Chris Van Hollen (D-MD).

Congressional leaders in the House and Senate selected these Members to serve on the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction (a.k.a. Super Committee). The committee is charged with finding \$1.5 trillion in deficit cuts by November 23rd. Failure to reach an agreement on those cuts, or if Congress rejects their recommendations, would trigger broad cuts across domestic and defense spending. Some important dates linked to the committee are:

September 16: The Super Committee must hold its first meeting by this date.

October 14: Last day that standing House and Senate Committees can transmit recommendations to the Super Committee.

November 23: The Super Committee must vote on recommendations by this date.

December 2: If the Super Committee approves the recommendations, then they must be submitted to the Administration and congressional leaders.

December 23: The House and Senate must take up or down votes on the Super Committee bill.

January 2: Across the board cuts are triggered if Congress does not adopt the Super Committee measure to reduce the deficit by at least \$1.2 trillion.

More information on the inner workings of the agreement can be found at the Center on Budget Policy and Prioritiesí fact sheet on across the board cuts if the Joint Committee does not achieve at least \$1.2 trillion in deficit reduction.

As the Super Committee begins its journey, Congress will return to session after Labor Day to continue the FY 12 appropriations process. Like 13 of the past 16 years, Congress is expected to move an omnibus spending bill later this fall to ensure fiscal 2012 funding is in place. The current fiscal year ends on September 30th and Members are

already thinking about how to avoid another partisan showdown or total government shutdown. A continuing resolution (CR) is expected to be taken up to keep the government operating for several weeks or months beyond the start of the new fiscal year.i

I know you have a vested interest in public broadcasting. I encourage you to contact Congress and let your voice be heard (September Zounds [KUNM program magazine] via DXLD)

\*\* U S A. Re: Look for expansion of HD Radio - The Daily Breeze

I won't believe anything about AM being dead until I start hearing open frequencies here in the rf saturated northeast Jim WA1EDN  
-- <http://www.fhu.com> (Jim Balle, Aug 24, ABDX via DXLD)

AM being dead doesn't necessarily imply stations off the air. Somebody will always want to hear themselves on the radio, even if they are the only ones listening (pretty much the case with Christian preaching stations right now).

When big AM talkers find themselves with an FM translator - it is only a matter of time until they manage to manipulate that into a full power FM outlet, then they will depart the band. What will replace them will be still more foreign language, then full time "information" which is really another way to say infomercial. There will be more and more retirement community stations, more and more shopping center stations, more and more automation. Actually a few of those retirement community stations are playing oldies and big band, some are pretty good. I have to admit I listened to Florida's automated traveler information station before I went to Florida. I wish I hadn't made reservations based on it - because it turned out to be a timeshare presentation (UGH!).

Point is, the AM band will be for the most part pointless - a lot of really stupid stuff. The FM band won't be far behind. We just got the same really BAD classic rock station on a second frequency here in Houston, which matches the six places I can get the really BAD praise and worship Christian station. Both stations have more compelling programming on HD-2, but without even an inkling of thought to putting that on second frequencies and translators instead of languishing on HD-2. Go figure (Bruce Carter, TX, ibid.)

Frequencies are beginning to empty here in the South and West. There are four frequencies abandoned in the area where I live. They are 860 / 1510 / 1010 / 1230.

1010 was the WORM, 860 was WEAB, 1540 was WLIC and 1230 was WTKN Corinth, MS. Phooey. Ya won't find them on the air. Ya won't find the



station from Selmer, TN on 1150 WDTM on the air either. Bleh.

Stations in Tennessee are either walking away or moving to FM. The big surprise to me is all the noncomm FMs here in the ed band or LPFMs that play music that are really thriving here (Kevin Redding, Crump TN, *ibid.*)

And you find so many radio stations not on, as owners were VERY poor business people. Years ago when we didn't have so many entertainment sources, radio was a license to print money and you really didn't have to do a very good job. That has changed. For the better or worse, who knows (Powell E. Way III, W40PW, *ibid.*)

Kevin and Powell: Add to the list of failed operations the sad attempt to revive WATO / 1290 here in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Looking back at the operation (I suspect we all can see better out the back of our heads !) I think that it failed because of a combination of factors. The new owner had no radio experience, the programming was largely a boring satellite feed, and the signal strength was rather poor. Add to that the fact that it was an AM operation and you can see that it would have been an uphill task. I was really hoping it would have worked. - JimT (Jim Tonne, *ibid.*)

Re: > Well, yes and no. I could listen to WBBM all the way home from Indiana to upstate NY when I make that 500-mile drive tomorrow if I wanted to...by streaming it to my phone.

> But radio stations in 2011 aren't in the 1100-mile-reception business. They're in the maximum-listenership-in-the-metro-area business, and that means being where the maximum number of potential listeners are...and that's FM.

Which is interesting, because stations heavily promote their net-streams, using terms like 'Listen to us anywhere in the world', 'We're with you wherever you go', 'From Opelousas to Las Cruces', etc., and most offer mobile apps, too. Next thing they'll be telling you to do is to ditch your radio, and just use the net-stream and your cellphone.

It's weird because stations are simultaneously taking on strategies two diametrically-opposite audience targets, one concerned with distance listening, and one concerned with just local. A station should have ONE IDENTITY, not some split-personality (over-the-air and internet). Both mediums of broadcast (radio and net) should strive for the SAME business goals and aim to reach the SAME audience equally, not using two different business goals and trying to appease two separate audiences. That's another thing causing the radio industry today to struggle. People may WORK in the metro area, but most LIVE in

the 'burbs' and beyond, commuting in and out, and nowadays, a large number also work at home or in their neighborhood far from the city.

Portable-device listening is a somewhat 'elitist' type of radio for those that either choose that route, or have the means to afford a 60.00 per month base data package (charged by the kilobyte after some threshold). It will never fully catch on, but instead remain a sort of novelty until data prices actually come down (like that will happen - who's seen their basic internet price or cellphone access fees go down ever??). Also, using a mobile device versus a radio is more technologically challenging than just turning on a radio. Cellphone reception is spotty (in my area, my phone is always flipping to 1X and back to 3G), and would drive me nuts having stream-rates constantly changing. A decent Android ARMv7 or later processor smartphone is needed (if you have a piece of junk LG Ally like I have that's ARMv6 and can't load Flash streams, you're out of luck. Stations ought to move away from Flash anyway).

Relying on mobile-device radio or internet for a major chunk of listenership eliminates about 80% of the population. It's a NICE thing for a station to provide for those out of the signal area, or for that small chunk of listeners actually inside an office building (and many major corporations block media access by employees on their networks anyway). I listen to a lot of net-radio myself - BUT - I frankly can't stomach listening to the internet-version of a station's advertisement blocks - there's no local content at all. (At least other country's sites don't have the contorted radio advertising business model and laws that we're stuck with here in the US, where local ads are banned). I want to hear the regular over-the-air advertisements that target ME in the locale I'm interested in, or am living in, not a bunch of national ads - some of which play 5 times an hour (Darwin Long, Empire, LA, *ibid.*)

Or, how about --- would it be time to believe AM is dead when someone hooks up a half-mile-long beverage antenna to their \$100k+ mediumwave-only communications receiver in an urban area like L.A., NYC, etc., tunes across the band at local midnight at a low time in the sunspot cycle --- and never hears any trace of so much as any carriers and the S-meter never lifts off the needle at the bottom end of the scale? (Stephen pianoplayer88key, *ibid.*)

Jim Balle writes: "I won't believe anything about AM being dead until I start hearing open frequencies here in the rf saturated northeast."

When I started DX'ing in 1947, AM was vividly alive with great variety programs on the networks, local stations with entertaining personality DJ shows and one of two main sources for national and international news. And the wonder of it was very few stations believed it was

necessary to be on the air 24 hours a day. Most with full-time licenses signed on at 6 a.m. and off at midnight. Between those hours, AM radio was sleeping, but it woke up refreshed and refreshing.

Today, based upon the quality of the programming on most of the stations I hear (and the few I can hear clearly over the noise floor in the daytime and the graveyard channel conditions on more than just the six old-time graveyard channels), I consider AM radio to be dead, the noise on every frequency reminding me of a 24/7 wake.

(John Callarman, KA9SPA, Family Genealogist, Retired Newspaper Editor, DX-oyente, Krum TX (AKA Qal R. Mann, Krumudgeon), *ibid.*)

Re: > I think you're erroneously projecting your personal tastes onto the masses and assuming that because you're not happy with the choices no one else is either. As radio enthusiasts we'd like to see great variety available . . .

I have to agree with Bruce's take on this. It is NOT about personal tastes. It's about small numbers of people making big programming decisions on the behalf of millions of listeners WITHOUT their input or consideration of their collective tastes. Broadcasting corporations have turned AM radio into what network television has become - largely block-programmed, network-fed garbage being aired because it's easy to do. It doesn't take much caring, effort, creativity, or investment to run the kinds of formats AM stations air nowadays - you just throw it all together, and viola [sic] --- another talk outlet, and you don't even need to talk on it - outsource that task to the entity sending programming over the network. It's the ULTIMATE in LAZY broadcasting. And we wonder why it's so rampant among AM stations? There's your answer. It's definitely NOT listener tastes driving this trend - It's the EASY WAY OUT for AM radio stations, and they fell for it hand over fist at the expense of listener choice in the early 90's.

It's the FOCUS GROUPS of these corporate broadcast companies that are the central problem - a tiny group of execs in some top-story corner conference room that gaze out the window and decide, based on highly-relative, inexact and interpolated data from consulting companies, precisely what we millions of listeners are 'SUPPOSED' to be listening to, what we are 'SUPPOSED' to want to hear, and ultimately what is going to be aired on all of their stations. It USED to be the LISTENER that would decide what gets played through record sales, charting the hits that stations initially played for the labels offered as demos, or by request lines lighting up for the same artists or types of songs. Those would cue stations into what listeners were actually wanting to stay tuned to hear, and the station would keep that 'hook' of a format on the air by following those trends.

Then, in the 1990s, stations suddenly stopped paying attention to listener requests, feedback, record sales, or concert sales, and began interpolating weird demographic formulas of ages, sexes, ethnicities, economic status, and listener locale into some super-refined and researched format to try to outsmart other stations in the market, and manipulate ratings (which are unfairly computed). Broadcasting may be a business, but when a station or corporation lets that 'billion-dollar-a-year industry' flavor leak out into their format and sound, people simply tune out - it doesn't cost a listener anything to flip the dial somewhere else if your station starts sounding "like everybody else".

Re: > Imagine yourself owning a radio station. You start out with a format you personally like. The novelty of it initially attracts a decent audience and advertisers follow. Then the newness wears off, the audience goes back to what they used to listen to, and the advertisers follow the audience. In short order your station is bleeding money. You're faced with a decision -- stick with what you like and continue to lose money until you can't pay the electric bill to keep the transmitter on the air, or change to a format you might not personally like but that makes money. <

In this case, my station would turn to listener download data and playback statistics from iTunes, Amazon, LastFM, etc. If tracks 1, 2 & 3 from artists X, Y, & Z are being played and downloaded, our station would turn around and inset those tracks into the rotation. We would use REAL data from listener habits, preferences, trends, and feedback directly from them. We would NOT resort to some assumptive, pre-fabbed demographic formula and an 8-hour discussion in a focus group about what our listeners want to hear. We would KNOW what our listeners want to hear because we would BECOME ENGAGED with them.

If listeners are buying and downloading certain content, then our station should PLAY that content because that is what listeners want to hear. Involve the AUDIENCE. Let THEM call in and TELL your station what rocks and what doesn't. THEY are the ones who tune in - if you don't air what they want, they'll go elsewhere - and it may not necessarily be on radio anymore. Don't assume your target audience is 'Female 35-54', and simply turn to some 'heavily-researched' playlist as some magic solution --- ASK the listener or FIND OUT through legitimate sources and actual listener tastes what people in your area like to listen to - don't just hire some consultant to do that.

ENGAGE your station with the listener. Answer the phone. Listen. Answer emails. Listen. Answer Facebook and Twitter tweets. Listen. Get engaged with your audience. Broadcasting is NOT a hands-off business from listeners and advertisers - your two most important clients. Period.

Re: > Now imagine this same scenario playing out in radio stations all over the country. Like it or not, it's a business, and it has to make money or it dies. Being on the low listenership end of the diversity scale might be morally satisfying, but it isn't going to pay the bills. <

Again, the problem is that ratings assigned in a market are very subjective, inaccurate, and artificially invented in most cases. Very few stations can say that they know exactly HOW MANY listeners exist, and exactly WHO they are. Those stations that are not doing so hot (like a canned-talk AM station) may bolster the numbers to make their figures look great on paper to draw advertising revenue, and even air spots attesting to that. But how fairly these data were obtained is anyone's guess. Arbitron is the same way. There's huge controversy into how Arbitron ratings are obtained. For such a big business, broadcasters should use more concrete and provable data - such as listener surveys and record sales (particularly online music plays and downloads, entertainment download hits, and query data). Those accurately depict what people want to hear because they're BUYING it.

Re: > The reality is that talk radio, whether you or me or anyone else likes it, is a big hit on AM radio. If it wasn't, it wouldn't be all over the dial. I know only one person who listens to sports radio with any regularity, yet it also must be huge or it wouldn't be all up and down the dial. <

It's a 'big hit' with broadcasters, not because it's talk on AM, but because it's cheap for the broadcaster to do. The ONLY reason why it's 'all over the AM radio dial' is because, frankly, broadcasters took the easy way out, and simply chose to beam the same talk programming to 300 of its outlets all over the nation to minimize costs and effort. Again, they're turning radio into what network television is: block-programmed and satellite-fed national programming. "Tune in every weekday at noon for the 'XYZ Show'... if you miss it, just download the podcast, or tune in for a 'Best Of' recording at 2-4 AM every Sunday night".

It takes VERY LITTLE creativity or real effort (except perhaps for the talk show's host and staff) to formulate the programming. And everyone's doing it when it comes to AM because it's the "thing to do" in the industry - a fake norm that has been fostered the past two decades. They've already brainwashed listeners and prepared them decades in advance by stating that AM is a 'talk band', and FM is for music, such that younger people actually believe that. It's an artificial norm that was created by lazy AM broadcasters wishing to fire the DJs and news crews and go all-network talk - a big movement that happened in the early 90's.... "Don't worry - tune to our FM

station to keep hearing the good-time oldies".

The AM station pays for the feed, intersperses it with ad spots, and spits it out on the air. Nothing to it. That's why it SEEMS to be such a big hit - at least to AM broadcasters and on paper to advertisers, but not so much with the people on the other end holding the radio. It costs more to have a live personality on-air playing music, taking calls, reporting live news, running contests, etc. So most AMs have simply dumped local full-service music formats even at strong protest of listeners, plugged in their trusty network talk feed, and laid nearly everyone off at the station.

THAT's the reality, and is a pattern most notable here in the USA rather than in other countries (why, I don't know). Canned talk radio on AM has been FORCED upon listeners, not OPTED BY listeners. Even at the bottom of a garbage can, some scraps are going to inevitably be more palatable than others, so is why some talk formats seem to do better than others. But all in all, the top grossing radio stations in markets are MUSIC-based, full-service formats (mainly on FM), or ALL-NEWS stations, not automated AM talk stations.

Sure, an AM station or broadcast company would WANT their advertisers and listeners to think that talk is a 'hit' on their stations in a particular market for the sake of drawing more ad revenue. But the TRUE reason for all the talk formats on AM is due to AM stations 'coping' and 'getting by' after making some serious and assumptive business model blunders in the late 80's and early 90's.

AM broadcasters did it to themselves by caving to the talk craze (which was exclusively generated by the industry, not listeners). If broadcasters had stayed the course by keeping in with what listeners wanted, and remained engaged with their audience, listeners would have likewise held their end of the deal, too. After all, it's very hard to break listener's habits, as any radio station management knows all too well.

I still maintain (at least here in the South), that you could put a 50 kW unidirectional AM signal on the air, play classic rock or country all day and night, interspersed with full-service news and information, and couple that with live interaction with air personalities via email and social media sites, and slide into the top-5 for the market.

If the same effort put into running an FM mainstream-format music station were applied to a 50 kW stereo digital or analog AM station, the station would thrive because it would have content people would enjoy hearing, and where those listeners are, advertisers will strive to be as well. Listeners can hear the EFFORT that goes into creating

an engaging format - likewise, a listener can hear the LACK OF effort put into a crappy automated AM talk station.

If you DON'T involve the listener, keep it fresh, give them part, or give them a reason to continue listening, your station will fail. DOESN'T MATTER WHAT FREQUENCY BAND, AM or FM. You want your station to be 'the friend in your listener's pocket' that they take with them wherever they go, and is EXACTLY how advertisers want your station to be perceived, because their ads will be right there too. An AM station should not let themselves become some faceless personality or robot that can't make up its mind what it wants to do every year, what frequency band the format should reside on, or God forbid - if they should play some music once in a while (Darwin Long, -Empire, LA, ibid.)

Re: > I am kinda curious... Where is AM still alive? It is still alive in the USA by just the number of stations broadcasting. I seem to observe it getting scarce in the Caribbean. Central America? South America? Are all those Mexican stations still broadcasting? <

When my wife and I traveled to the Antarctic Peninsula and South Georgia, Shetland, and Falkland Islands via Argentina last winter [summer] on an ecotour expedition, there were loads of AM stations up and down the dial audible broadcasting from Argentina, Chile, and the Falkland Islands. Most played music, and had a mix of information and news too. A couple stations in the Falklands (530 and 550) also had BBC 4 News. Many of these stations could also be heard on the Antarctic Peninsula during the couple hours that the sun dipped just below the horizon providing all-night twilight.

Here in Louisiana USA, lots of Mexican AM stations come banging in here at night with 'm'sica y noticias', salsa, ranchera, nostalgia, etc., even some pop and rock music in English. Of course day and night, music and news stations from Cuba are also clearly audible.

AM broadcasting is definitely not 'dead' in most countries, but is in fact a viable and relied-upon media service in those locations where it is still treated as an equal to FM and TV.

On the other hand, here in the U.S., we have by far the most AM stations on the air - in some years, we even manage to ADD a couple new signals as new AM stations make deals with other AM broadcasters to diplex through their same antenna array. We consider AM to be 'dead' in the USA when an individual AM station or a broadcast network of AM stations chooses to fire their live on-air staff and turn to satellite-fed, non-local programming that is aired day in and day out - usually all talk shows about government politics and rants, sports politics, or hour-long commercial programs about gimmicks,

pseudoscientific health-care products, and get-rich-quick programs, instead of music, or high-quality bona-fide journalism.

In the very late 1980s through the 1990s, AM was killed by broadcasters (not by listeners) by making these specific changes, in addition to reducing audio quality through discontinuing AM stereo modulation, and narrowing audio bandwidths to brick-wall 5 kHz (which also causes a 'metallic chirping' style of adjacent-channel splatter).

HD will not revive AM unless:

- A. Proper optimization of the HD signal is ensured (correct pre-emphasis curve with use of stereo audio into the HD exciter, and the exciter being set for high bitrate rather than low bitrate mode),
- B. Portable radios have BOTH AM and FM HD, and most importantly,
- C. ENGAGING PROGRAMMING aired to maximize the high-fidelity stereo potential of AM-HD and to place it back up with FM. Tinny talk-radio does AM-HD no justice.

The easiest way to revive AM is to break the norm and not consider it a 'talk signal' anymore:

A. Run the AM station the exact same way you would a top-market FM music station with regard to programming. This draws ad revenue. You want high drive-time ratings, and high through-the-day ratings, too. Companies tend to let people listen to mainstream music at reasonable volumes in the workplace, but frequently frown on talkshows as to not offend the political or religious views of other employees or clients. This frequently happened at the last company I worked for.

B. With people having mobile devices nowadays, you want your station live and interactive with listeners minute-by-minute rather than just email, phone, or letters. Have Twitter and Facebook-based contests, song ratings and requests, or feedback, opinion, or shoutouts read on-air from such social media sites live as they come in. ENGAGE the LISTENER.

C. Promote the station "As good as FM"

D. Offer HD or wideband analog-based stereo modulation and song-tagging. People like tagging so they can plug their mobile device or computer into their HD radio and download the songs from iTunes, Amazon, etc. My wife has this option on her car radio, and it even works on KBYU AM 1450 here in New Orleans (Darwin Long, Empire, LA, ibid.)

Excellent points! You mean WBYU, as in bayou, not a Brigham Young University station (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)



\*\* U S A. 518, FLORIDA, NMA (USCG NAVTEX navigational aid), Miami.  
1038 August 27, 2011. And continuing all day on spot checks with huge  
open carrier. No data format transmissions detected until 0000 August  
28, which would appear to match with Miami's schedule. Strong.  
Tentatively the location, without closer DFing. New Orleans NMG is  
also on 518. See  
<http://www.ndblist.info/navtex/worldNAVTEXcountryorder.pdf>  
for a downloadable and presumably very accurate list of NAVTEX  
stations (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA, 27.55.83 N,  
82.46.08 W, Abridged list of junk: JRC NRD-535; ICOM IC-R75;  
Hammarlund HQ-180A; Aqua Guide 705 Radio Direction Finder; Sangean PR-  
D5; Sony ICF-7600GR; GE SuperRadio III; RadioShack DX-399; 1 X roof  
dipole; 1 X in-room random wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* VATICAN [and non]. 9900, Aug 25 at 1224 open carrier with flutter,  
hum; 1225 Russian tones on and off. 1230 Bells of St. Pete's, VR theme  
and opening Chinese, S9+20. HFCC shows 100 kW, 111 degrees via  
Novosibirsk, RUSSIA, which is close to transpolar from here.

9645, Aug 19 at 0518, tune in to hear Finnish, a rare language these  
days on SW, part of the undefined 'Scandinavian' service of VR, better  
called Nordic. Just in time to hear them switch to Latin for  
'`Laudetur Jesus Christus`', and cut the carrier at 0519:12\*,  
uncovering R. Bandeirantes, Brasil which had been making a hefty het,  
always off-frequency a few hektoHz to the hi side. Another Vatican  
service continued in the clear on 9660, English to Africa.

Current printed VR sked merely says 'Scandinavian' daily 0500 on 9645,  
7335, 1260 and 1611, followed at 0520 by Albanian on the MWs only.

This site is handy for checking out which stations are still  
broadcasting in which languages:  
<http://www.addx.de/Hfpdat/plaene.php>

Which now shows that indeed, Vatican Radio is the ONLY SW broadcaster  
left in Finnish!

Von	Bis	ITU	Sender	Frequenzen/Relais/Bemerkungen
0500	0520	CVA	R. Vatikan	Mo&Sa 1260 1611 6185 7335
1840	1900	CVA	R. Vatikan	Fr&So 1260 1611 6185 7355

Altho dated 15.08.2011, this is obviously outdated winter info with  
6185 instead of 9645! We usually find misleadingly outdated info in  
this reference, unfortunately.

VR has its work cut out for it, as the World Almanac 2002 said that  
the chief religion in Finland was Evangelical Lutheran, 89%, not even

bothering to count the Catholix.

Not even CRI uses Finnish (on SW anyway), per WRTH, tho they have a sweet deal to invade Europe thru a front company based in Finland, Radio 86; see the recent Media Network blog item.

15570, Aug 31 at 1742, heavily African-accented English discussion among three voices, fair-poor and could only understand snippets, not helped by one of my cable DTV boxes putting bubble jamming right on 15570; unplugged two of them, but must be yet another responsible. Thought I might have some neat or new clandestine, so kept straining to copy it. 1749 mentions UN office, bells and drums, ``communications update``. 1756 closing until ``next week at the same time`` a discussion on the relationship between radio administration and listeners, or something like that. Just got in a ``Laudetur Jesus Christus`` and a few notes of the Vatican Radio IS before chopped off the air at 1757\*. So that's all it is, one of VR's direct-from-SMG frequencies, listed // 13765 and 11625, English daily at 1730 i.a. (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* VENEZUELA. 4940 kHz, RADIO AMAZONAS INTERNACIONAL, Tarjeta QSL, v/s Jorge García Rangel, QSL Manager. Informe enviado por vía postal: Calle Roma, Qta. Costa Rica No. A-16, Urbanización Alto Barinas. Barinas 5201. Venezuela. Demoro: 588 días\* Imágenes y m.s en <http://dxdesdecolumbia.blogspot.com> Buenos DX, (Rafael Rodríguez R., Bogotá D.C. - COLOMBIA, Aug 27, condiglist yg via DXLD)

Inactive, probably ever since his report in 2009; when on, it would be distorted and way off-channel (gh, DXLD)

\*\* ZAMBIA. 5915, ZNBC/Radio 1, 0242-0305, August 24, tune-in to Fish Eagle IS. Choral National Anthem at 0254. Vernacular announcements at 0256. Local tribal music. Weak to very weak levels (Brian Alexander, Mechanicsburg, PA, USA, Icom IC-7600, two 100 foot longwires, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 1610 Pirate? Was listening to 1610 with Powell Way and Bob Smoak in SC. It appears there is a pirate station on 1610 and is heard in Crump, TN as well. We need to figure out who this is. There is a white woman speaking between black gospel music (Kevin Redding, Crump, TN, 0257 UT Aug 31, ABDX via DXLD)

There is a local Black Gospel Pirate in Greenville, SC on 1610 at times. They use the liner "Keeping it Crunk for Christ". They were also on 102.7 FM for a while. If it was IDing as "Joy Gospel Radio", it is the Pirate on 1610 in Daytona Florida. Are you SURE you heard a Pirate? Caribbean Beacon is back on the 50 KW Transmitter after being on the 5 KW Backup for YEARS. 73, (Kevin Raper, KJ4HYD, CE WCKI WQIZ

WLTQ, ABDX via DXLD)

Wow, WHKR 102.7 is a pretty strong in Daytona even though it is 60 miles away. If I were a pirate, I'd choose a different frequency.

Violating federal law for Christ. Contemptable. Ichabod. Their church and ministry is dead. What next - hooking for Christ? Gambling for Christ? Dealing drugs for Christ? (Bruce Carter, ibid.)

No No, the 102.7 MHz Pirate was in Greenville, South Carolina. It was right in the HD-Radio Sidebands of WMYI-FM. I am friends with the WMYI Chief Engineer.

> Violating federal law for Christ. Contemptable. Ichabod. Their church and ministry is dead. What next - hooking for Christ? Gambling for Christ? Dealing drugs for Christ?

Don't ask, they just might do it! LOL. 73, (Kevin Raper, KJ4HYD, CE WCKI WQIZ WLTQ, ibid.)

UNIDENTIFIED. 3975, August 28, 0020-0028 recitation of Kor'an alternating male in short Arabic announcements. Statics, 35433. 73 (Lucio Otavio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil, SW40 - Dipoles and Longwire, dxldyg via DXLD)

This one has been causing quite a sensation in Argentina among the condiglisteros ñ surely is Azad Kashmir Radio, Islamabad, as in Aoki (gh, DXLD) See also KASHMIR [non]; INDONESIA

UNIDENTIFIED. 5785.00, 21/08 2218-2227, 22222, trato de ajustar la frecuencia por LSB y USB, imposible, pero al colocarlo en AM, entiendo que se trata de un programa deportivo y hablan de los equipos de Bolivia. Es difícil escucharlo; finalmente dicen Panamericano deportivo. Luego contin'an hablando sobre equipos de Bolivia; finalmente agradecen la asistencia de escucha del Panamericano deportivo y dan un slogan; apenas entiendo al final... ``la radio que a todos llega``. La se0al se desvaneci0 a las 2226.

NOTA: Informo que es 5785, por ser la frecuencia que al ponerla con los dos decimales, se prendia la se0al del radio que me indicaba la sintonia conforme. Puede ser un arm0nico o una espuria (tnx H. Klemetz) (Pedro F. Arrun·tegui, Lima, Aug El Chasqui DX, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 6048.5, 1658 August 28, 2011. Getting a very weak AM open carrier about here. Still no trace of HCJB, Ecuador late-morning or on the old 1900 sign-on time (though active later). And they are always on frequency, so doubt this is them. Audible on multiple

receivers. Likewise, I'm still not detecting Radio Amanecer on 6025 variable (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. [Re 11-34] 6075.73, 0314, Aug 28, weak carrier audible up to 0359:48 when co-channel DW appeared. Seems very late for a (tentative) Bolivian so perhaps this is only some kind of spur after all? (Martien Groot, Schoorl, Netherlands /TenTec RX-340, 30 m. longwire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 6183.0, Aug 29 at 1220, steady CW beeps are QRMing China on 6185, at the rate of 48 per minute; they sound slightly irregular (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 6768.0 is today's spot for the 'mutant open carrier' as Terry Krueger calls them, Aug 29 at 1220, along with some hum, and bits of audio, maybe just nearby SSB QRM (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) earlier:

UNIDENTIFIED. 6780, big OC back as I type; In Okie? Terry L Krueger Clearwater, Florida, USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, 0100 UT Aug 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Did not see your msg till an hour later. Yes, there it is, 6780 at 0205, but not as I type, as the computers and TVs are noisy, so I stepped out onto the porch with portable. Hope you can keep monitoring for signs of modulation (Glenn Hauser, OK, to Terry, via DXLD)

Good to see this making it well past Florida. Mostly +10 on multiple shitty S-meters as I type, 0215+. I'm hoping it's something Max Headroom ultimately returning (Terry Krueger, ibid.)

6780 mystery OC up again, Noted 1915+ today 8/27 (Terry L Krueger Clearwater, Florida, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6780, 0020-0350 and 1915 August 27-28, 2011. The mystery big AM open carrier station that randomly pops up continues. Noted through 0350 tune-out, but gone just after 0500 re-check. It wasn't on during 1030-1200 checks, but already on next check at 1915, and still there at 2350, often almost pegging the S-meter day and night. Gerry Bishop, briefly visiting southern California, had it at fair level on a Kaito portable around 0315, and Glenn Hauser was able to hear it on a portable at 0205 in Oklahoma. Much closer, David Crawford in Titusville, FL hears it well and Paul Zecchino, a few miles south of me on Manasota Key, hears it very strong. Rolling into GMT August 28: still on 0055 and 0220 checks, off 0302 recheck. But not active during sporadic 1100-1700 checks (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also 6768

UNIDENTIFIED. 6924.7 AM, Aug 28 at 0418 weak music from some pirate, and this off-frequency is often the spot, single transmitter? Compared it to a weak carrier from a non-pirate on 5925, presumably 5925.0, registered as Lampertheim (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 6925.0 SSB, Aug 28 at 1234, loop of ``who let the dog out?`` and barking, weak in noise level. Seems I have heard this before on a pirate, but can't find it previously reported. Matched a carrier on 5925 from a non-pirate, so on-frequency unlike the 6924.7 AM unID earlier. At this hour 5925 would be CNR Beijing (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Hi Everyone, Not sure if already reported. This am 0730 UT on 9696.9 kHz 25/8/11, R Rio Mar possibly off frequency; I cannot make out any ID although one may be there. Earlier what sounded like football commentary, this is what I heard  
<http://www.box.net/shared/k5lz3x7avjycl1nci1sj>  
(Mark Davies, Anglesey, Wales, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Note: following items are in chrono rather than strict frequency order, apparently dealing with the same variable transmission:

UNIDENTIFIED. Re 11-34, unID 9876+: Heavy BUZZ signal 9882.35 kHz at 1400-1545 Aug 24, and today Aug 25 on approx. peak 9895.5 kHz --- DXers in S Asia and Far East, please check and help to identify around 1400-1545 UT: 9891 to 9901 kHz range, buzzy like FM noise signal, Unid PAK / IND signal? 73 wolffy (Wolfgang B,schel, Aug 25, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Maybe some utility transmission? Centered today on 9882.3 kHz. R. Pakistan on usual 7455 kHz, 0.4 kHz above. 6235 kHz not listed in the WRTH update. 73, (Mauno Ritola, 1538? UT Aug 24, via WB, DXLD)

Maybe some utility transmission? Centered today Aug 24 on 9882.3 kHz. R. Pakistan on usual 7455 kHz, 0.4 kHz above. 6235 kHz not listed in the WRTH update. I am listening to it now. It is now (Aug 25) much clearer than yesterday, almost understandable, as good in FM as AM. Today nothing on 7455.04 kHz. Could not hear ID, but I think they started news at 1446 UT, so R. Pakistan looks very probable (Mauno Ritola, Finland, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 27 via DXLD)

Noise signal on peak 9882.3 stopped at 1545 UT today. 73 (B,schel, Aug 24, ibid.)

Well, that would certainly point to Pakistan c/d, but even their program schedule doesn't list a 2nd frequencuy and nothing there at the start of the season. S/on needs to be checked. 73, (Mauno, Aug 24,

ibid.)

Today noted on 9891 to 9901 kHz - peak at approx. 9895.5 kHz, 1415 UT Aug 25. 73 wolfy (B\_schel, ibid.)

Sch ..., I missed the s/on check at 1345! Yes, I saw you on my rx just a while ago and am listening to it now. It is now much clearer than yesterday, almost understandable, as good in FM as AM. Today nothing on 7455,04 kHz. 73, (Mauno, Aug 25, ibid.)

Re: 9876 to 9891, peak 9884 kHz at 1400-1545: Could not hear ID, but I think they started news at 1446, so R. Pakistan looks very probable. 73, (Mauno, Aug 25, ibid.)

I heard also mentioning Pakistan in the news from 1530-1535 UT approx. Hymn heard at 1543:55 UT, end of program at 1544:45 UT. TX was not stable/steady, frequency wandered from 9891 to 9901 kHz - peak approx. 9895.5 at 1415 UT to approx. 9897.5 at 1535 UT, 9891 to 9905 kHz range. Couldn't find any local Islamabad FM on web-livestream to compare of R Pakistan Foreign service. vy73 (B\_schel, Aug 25, ibid.)

They are apparently talking about the scheduled Pashto service at 1345-1445, Dari 1445-1545, back in WRTN 2011 on 6235 (gh, DXLD)

Another FM BUZZ like vagabonding transmitter heard tonight 2230 UT Aug 26, with BUZZ audio. 9861.5 to 9867.5 kHz, peak approx. 9864.5 kHz 73 wb (Wolfgang B\_schel, Stuttgart, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

FM like distorted buzzy signal on 31 mb -- Missed on Friday Aug 26th, but appears probably today Aug 27 again, logged at 1400-1430 UT on 9865 to 9871 kHz. 73 wolfy (Wolfgang B\_schel, 1428 UT Aug 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Have you heard it again? Nothing here now at 2150. 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, Aug 29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Didn't check that lately anymore. vy73 (Wolfy, 0719 Aug 30, ibid.)

UNIDENTIFIED. New UNIDentified txions in Tigrigna or Amharic or Oromo:  
1500-1600 on 15730 KCH 300 kW / 170 deg to EaAF  
1500-1530 on 15790 KCH 300 kW / 170 deg to EaAF  
1700-1800 on 15750 KCH 300 kW / 170 deg to EaAF  
1730-1800 on 15770 KCH 300 kW / 170 deg to EaAF  
73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, DX LISTENING DIGEST) KCH = PRIDNESTROVYE

1500-1600 on 15730 KCH 300 kW / 170 deg to EaAF on August 29 & 30  
1500-1530 on 15790 KCH 300 kW / 170 deg to EaAF on August 30 only  
1700-1800 on 15750 KCH 300 kW / 170 deg to EaAF on August 29 & 30

Please help me! 73! Ivo (via Mauno Ritola, DXLD)

I think rather to Ethiopia, can't quite get the ID: Here's the ending announcement from yesterday. Apparently also 15790 1500-1600 & 15770 1700-1800? (Mauno Ritola, ibid.)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15750, Aug 25 at 1242, Family Radio again here with address in English; still waiting for HFCC and other listings to catch up with this new transmission first heard yesterday; site? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re 15750, gh's unid new YFR relay: Probably could be from CIS/Asian site? Audio contained a slight BUZZ tone. Other YFR outlets on shortwave at 12-13 UT on 11725P.K, 11850TAC, 11895IRK, 13820KAZ, 15490NVS.

15750.0, noted on Aug 27 in 12-13 UT slot, S=7 on remote SDR unit in JPN, at S=9+20dB level in Netherlands and Finland remote SDR rx units. ID at 1255 UT, fanfare music at 1255 til 1258:55 UT, then closing annmt, "Treasures from the Bible" program in English, cut fanfare ID audio at 1300:03, tx off air at 1300:19 UT Aug 27 (Glenn Hauser-OK-USA, dxld Aug 27 [sic]) Oops, as obvious from style, those were wb's own observations, not mine! (gh, DXLD)

Test transmissions of WYFR Family Radio

1100-1300 on 15750 tentative A-A 200 kW / 132 deg to SoEaAS  
1400-1500 on 7530 tentative ERV 300 kW / 125 deg to SoAS, ex 1700-1800 on 15185  
73! (Ivo Ivanov, Sofia, Bulgaria, Aug 28, with Aug 27 audio clips, DX LISTENING DIGEST) A-A = Almaty, KAZAKHSTAN; ERV = Gavar, ARMENIA

15750, Aug 30 at 1241, new YFR relay still here with hymn, 1244 in English, reference familyradio.com. Ivo Ivanov tentatively assigns this to Almaty, KAZAKHSTAN, at 11-13, testing 200 kW, 132 degrees to SE Asia, along with another new YFR test, 14-15 on 7530 tentatively Gavar, Armenia, 300 kW, 125 degrees to S Asia which I have not heard (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1580, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 21520, Chinese talk at 0610, 23/8. Very good with only slight noise and fading. No trace in Aoki or HFCC and // with 21600 and 2165 [sic], also unidentified! (Dennis Allen, Milperra NSW (Icom R75, Realistic DX160, Dipole, Sept Australian DX News via DXLD)

See recent discussion in DXLD: R. Free Asia, probably via NMI has been frequency-hopping, to avoid ChiCom jamming, but as usual you have to be careful not to confuse it with CNR1 when it catches up (gh, DXLD)

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## UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS

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Thanks to Kent D. Murphy, N Martinsville WV for a contribution to P O Box 1684, Enid OK 73702 (gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1580)

A very special thanks to Glenn Hauser for his punctual Short-Wave and Medium Wave propagation and reception reports. Some 'very' helpful material for those who are straining their ears to hear those faint flickering signals off in the unseeable distance. Fantastic work Glenn! I trust you will continue to keep the listeners of SW and MW informed for many eons to come. You are appreciated OM (Duane, W8DBF, Fischer, moderator, SWL at qth.net)

Glenn, I cannot tell you how much we all appreciate your long time service in our shared discipline. Thank you very much (Frank Mezek, AZ, Via Rick Barton)

## CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES

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## READING INTERNATIONAL RADIO GROUP

The next meeting of the Reading International Radio Group will be on Saturday September 3 in Room 3, Reading International Solidarity Centre, 35-39 London Street, Reading at 2.30 p.m.

The meeting will include a look at Geoffrey Pidgeon's book 'The Secret Wireless War', in particular the voluntary interception service many radio amateurs were involved in during World War Two, newly researched material on pre-war offshore and pirate broadcasters, the role of international and domestic radio in the 1991 Soviet coup, as well as other current and historical radio related items and audio extracts. All are welcome. For more information email me or phone 01462 643899 (Mike Barraclough, England, Aug 28, worlddxclub yg via DXLD)

## SW EVENT ORGANIZERS EXPAND THEIR BRIEF ñ HFCC DALLAS SEPTEMBER 12-16

Radio World on 08.30.2011

<http://www.rwonline.com/article/sw-event-organizers-expand-their-brief/24234>

The use of other platforms among shortwave broadcasters is a touchy subject for true believers. But for many in the shortwave world, the use of FM, online and other media is simple reality.

One manifestation of that shift: The approaching B11 HFCC/ASBU shortwave broadcasters conference in Dallas, Sept. 12ñ16, has



announced an expansion of its agenda.

The High-Frequency Coordination Conference is a semi-annual gathering at which shortwave broadcast frequency schedules are coordinated. These meetings have been going on since 1989 but this will be the first one in the United States. 2011 refers to the broadcast season that runs from October 2011 to March 2012.

Event organizers say the time has come to start addressing additional modes of delivering messages. Chairman of the HFCC Oldrich Cip recently wrote: "The merits of broadband delivery of media through the Internet or via mobile devices in comparison with the traditional delivery of TV and sound radio from terrestrial transmitters are frequently on the agenda of meetings and discussions of domestic broadcasters and broadcasting unions."

"Such an in-depth debate has been missing in international broadcasting circles. We are now ready to provide a forum and environment for such discussions."

He continued: "We have accepted the fact that what was only one program distribution method only about 20 years ago has now been replaced by a multitude of technologies where media consumers and listeners are offered a whole range of distribution platforms."

Cip extended an invitation to the conference for those who had reduced or stopped shortwave transmission and turned to alternative means. Peter [sic] White, chairman of the National Association of Shortwave Broadcasters, one of the co-sponsors of the conference, noted the many "alternative delivery platforms" such as Internet, podcasts, local AM and FM rebroadcasting and satellite.

But organizers also stressed that one of the major themes of the conference will be the continuing importance of shortwave for international broadcasting.

The conference is expected to draw delegates from some 40 countries; it is co-sponsored by Texas-based transmitter maker Continental Electronics, which will provide a factory tour.

Addresses are planned by Dr. Dowell Chow, president of Adventist World Radio; Lauren Libby, president of Trans World Radio; and Charles Caudill, president of World Christian Broadcasting (via Artie Bigley, DXLD)

#### EDXC ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN BULGARIA

EDXC 2011 was held on 18 through 21 [August] at Melnik in Bulgaria,

which is 176 km South of Sofia. We enjoyed nice presentation on Radio Travel in Northern Part of India and in Bhutan by Anker Petersen; The Austrian DX- Club ADXB-OE. Organization, activities, etc. by Harald Suess; The Finnish Delegates report on different subjects; latest news from DX-Finland, etc.

EDXC meeting to discuss the future. DX Clubs present give their views on the future. I also had a chance to talk about Radio connection in which radio performed miracle roles to connect the people and our club activities after 3/11 earthquake in Japan.

We also had excursion by bus: Melnik - Sandanski - Macedonian border "Zlatarevo". Many people accomplished two new countries to visit.

After Melnik we returned to Sofia and visited Radio Bulgaria on 22th, Monday. Ms. Rossitsa and Mr. Alexander Markov of English Section gave us internal tour of the station. Rossitsa invited us to Evening performance of China National Radio's Childrens' Choir. They did a splendid performance and demonstrated their well trained level and excellent talent. In their performance two Japanese songs were sung which was very impressive to me.

Mr. Tibor Szilagyi, Secretary General of EDXC and his supporters did an excellent job to make this annual conference so successful. This is all for this month (Toshi Ohtake, Japan Short Wave Club, JSWC, P.O.Box 44, Kamakura 248-8691, Japan, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

#### PUBLICATIONS

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#### SHORTWAVE RECEIVERS, PAST AND PRESENT

Universal Radio distributes a monthly newsletter, Universal Sales-Alert. The August 2011 edition offers some very good books which are hard to find; only one copy of each. This is intended for our members in the USA. Use the toll free number 800 431-3939.

The masterpiece of Fred Osterman is the book, Shortwave Receivers, Past and Present, Communications Receivers 1942-1997, Third Edition. It describes only tabletop receivers. This is a coffeetable book, big, heavy and thick. Fred Osterman was helped by many people: my name is listed among the minor helpers. A useful reference and fascinating. Fred Osterman printed many more copies than usual and every one was sold. The order number is B201. The basic price is \$49.95 and is worth every penny. Do not buy the Second Edition. It is full of mistakes (David Crystal, Israel, Sept World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

AMITI... RADIO, FRANCE

Hello everyone out there, This message is off-topic, though only slightly. I'm sorry if I'm being a nuisance here, but I won't bother you any further after this. I'm writing on behalf of a small group of former members of the now defunct French DX club called Amitié Radio.

That club had existed for several decades, when - all of a sudden - its founder and president (whose name I'd rather not mention here) abruptly ceased all activities, and not only that, he also ran away with the money, subscription fees and other assets.

You have to bear in mind that the club had, in its hayday, well over 1000 members and was the largest of its kind, not only in France but in the whole French-speaking world. So the amount of money that was embezzled was not trivial.

Yet when it happened there was very little reaction from the membership as they had very little contact with one another, everything being centralised in the hands of the president.

If I may mention my own example, when I subscribed I received confirmation that I was now a member, but nothing else. Meanwhile the club had vanished into thin air and I was at a loss as to what to do.

That was several years ago.

But it so happened that a small group of former members found together a couple of weeks ago and we decided to try and see if we could get more former members to join us, not that we expect to get our money back - that would require a lawsuit, which is not fully in the spirit of the DX-community, and also we do not underestimate the valuable work the president had put in running the club almost single-handedly for all those years either.

No, we just want to get the thing up and running again...

So that's why I'm writing this. So where are we going from here?

Well, it has been decided that we would start a mail reflector of our own to let ex-members talk about what we could do, and about the way we can bring the club back to life.

So if you were a member of Amitié Radio, would you please subscribe to the mailing-list called "amrad". To do so send an email to:

"amrad-request@ ml.free.fr", with the word "subscribe" on the subject line.

If you weren't a member but know someone who was, would you please let them know about this. Thank you all for bearing with me, and once again sorry for bothering you with this.

(Underneath, a short summary in French.)

Andr  Coville  
Paris - France  
coville@rfnet.org

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Bonjour   tous, Si vous avez  t  membre du club Amiti  Radio et si vous avez  t , comme moi, la victime des agissements de son pr sident, ou simplement si vous souhaitez que le club renaisse de ses cendres, je vous invite   nous rejoindre en adh rant   notre liste de diffusion.

Envoyez   "amrad-request@ml.free.fr" un message avec comme sujet le mot "subscribe" pour nous rejoindre.

Si vous n' tiez pas membres mais connaissez des personnes qui l'on  t , veuillez leur faire part de ce message. D'avance merci.

Andr , Alain, Olivier et les autres... (ODXA yg Aug 27 via DXLD)

MUSEA  
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1934 NEWSREEL: NORWICH RADIO PIRATE CLOSED DOWN

Fascinating 1934 newsreel spotted by KC on the Garry Stevens board:

Brothers Gerald and Wilfred Barker of Norwich are forced to close their radio station down by the BBC: they recount the tale.  
First pirate radio station closed down by post office authorities.  
[http://www.itnsource.com/shotlist//BHC\\_RTV/1934/03/08/BGX407190461/?s](http://www.itnsource.com/shotlist//BHC_RTV/1934/03/08/BGX407190461/?s)  
(Mike Barraclough, England, Aug 26, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

INFOMERCIALS NOTHING NEW

If you think radio infomercials are a new thing, take a listen to this from 1931. The program has a radio theme as well. Enjoy this bit of broadcasting history.  
<http://tinyurl.com/3pfzgsq>  
(Dave Marthouse, 26 Aug, NRC-AM via DXLD)

WORLD RADIO CLUB FROM 31.5+ YEARS AGO

I have posted a vintage edition of World Radio Club from the BBC world service dated February 22nd 1978 to my website if anyone is interested. You will need to scroll down to track 46 of the player from this link

<http://www.southhertsradio.com/vintage.html>

(Gary Drew, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- IBOC

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AMERICA'S BEST SELLING CAR TO OFFER HD RADIO

This story is taken from Sacbee / PR Newswire

America's Best Selling Car to Offer HD Radio Technology --- Toyota Announces HD Radio Technology with iTunes® Tagging in the 2012 Camry  
PUBLISHED WEDNESDAY, AUG. 24, 2011

COLUMBIA, Md., Aug. 24, 2011 -- /PRNewswire/ --

What: Toyota announced today that they would be offering HD Radio Technology with the popular iTunes® Tagging feature in their 2012 Camry model. The new vehicle along with HD Radio Technology will make its debut at dealerships this fall.

19 automotive brands have announced that HD Radio Technology is or will be available as a factory installed feature including Audi, Bentley, BMW, Ford, Hyundai, Jaguar, Kia, Land Rover, Lexus, Lincoln, Mercedes-Benz, MINI USA, Rolls-Royce, Scion, Subaru, Tesla, Toyota, Volkswagen and Volvo.

Why: Automakers are continuing to embrace HD Radio Technology at a rapid pace, offering consumers a variety of new and exciting stations in crystal-clear digital sound, including on-screen information that displays song titles and artist names. The popular iTunes® Tagging feature is also continuing its rapid adoption with automakers. Earlier this year, Toyota announced the adoption of HD Radio Technology starting in 2011. Scion recently announced that they are making the technology a standard feature with their 2012 audio products.

Today, there are over 2,000 AM & FM stations broadcasting with HD Radio Technology with more than 1,300 additional digital only FM HD2/HD3/HD4 multicast channels sending new exciting programming. To get a sense of the dynamic, fresh new formats on these HD2/HD3/HD4 channels, check out the full list here:

<http://hdradio.com/#stationGuideWidgetry>

Where: Your local auto dealerships nationwide.

When: Today (8/24/11)!

For more information, contact:

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Note to editors: "HD Radio" and the "HD Radio" logo are proprietary trademarks of iBiquity Digital Corp. The "HD" in HD Radio® is part of iBiquity Digital's brand name for its advanced digital AM/FM system. It does not mean hybrid digital or high-definition digital; both of these are incorrect. SOURCE iBiquity Digital (via Kevin Redding, Aug 24, ABDX via DXLD)

That is a stunning victory for the HD Radio Alliance. But the celebration may be premature. If HD radio is offered as an option instead of standard equipment - with the other option being satellite or streaming, then I don't think consumers will prefer it.

If it is standard equipment - I doubt they will even know it is there any more than millions of consumers didn't realize they had AM stereo radios.

I am also concerned that the HD reception will be greatly compromised, because at some point someone decided whip antennas were unsightly and uncool. The present state of automotive antennas is very poor. Deep fringe reception, even with after market radios, is impossible with those little bitty antenna nubs that contain AM, FM, and satellite in one little bump. I have no idea how they get any efficiency out of them on FM, let alone AM. All they can do is amplify the \_\_\_\_ out of the antenna and hope to get some gain on local and medium fringe stuff.

When I went car shopping with my daughter last spring - we looked at some pretty high end cars and radio reception sucked. Things that I can get on a stock radio with a whip in two other vehicles are not receivable at all - only locals and a few really strong AMs from nearby cities are still there, but with a lot of static. I just don't think those cute little antennas are up to the challenge of HD reception, even with a power increase on FM HD.

When I told the dealer my 18 year old car with a Pioneer routinely gets FM from 200 miles or more, and AM from over 300 - he was actually astounded that it was possible. But only for a second. He told me that radio is merely an afterthought in most car purchasing decisions, more people interested in a "Bose or Dr. Dre speaker system" than in better

radio reception. And my daughter was only concerned with getting the satellite radio activated as quickly as possible and getting an iPhone hookup for streaming. These kids are tech savvy, although I doubt she would have realized there were radio apps for the iPhone if I hadn't told her. Once she heard the selection of stations - she was hooked on streaming. Thank goodness for a grandfathered in unlimited data plan! (Bruce Carter, TX, ABDX via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DTV See also CANADA; OKLAHOMA  
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DTV-DX and The Sun?

I've noticed that my (fringe area) DTV reception almost always seems to get better after sunset. During the day, the Hampton Roads (Drive, VA) stations come and go at my OBX location, around 72 miles from the towers. The VHF (Channels 7 and 13) stations almost never make it here during the day. But at night, they do come in.

Now, I understand that sunset often brings on a thermal layering of the atmosphere than promotes signal refraction and improves reception. But I'm wondering if /something else/ might be at work at the same time? Namely a reduction in electrical noise from /the sun/. It's a pretty well demonstrated fact that ATSC/8VSB signals suffer degradation and attenuation from electrical interference. But I'm wondering if the sun is putting out just enough electromagnetic noise that it disrupts these /borderline/ digital signals. Once the sun is over the horizon, wouldn't a lot of its electromagnetic output also be over the horizon too?

I know that VHF digital stations really have a hard time pushing through the curtain of terrestrial electrical noise. Maybe they are also fighting something slightly bigger. And maybe this is just another argument for allowing such stations to increase their power outputs so that they can be seen and heard in fringe areas --- beyond the 70-mile 'circle of grace' that seems to govern DTV reception now. At least the stations might have a better chance of covering their old, analog footprints.

So I'd be curious on your take on this theory. Hope all is well with you and yours after the big storm. My house survived Irene with minimal damage? a few dozen lost roof shingles. But many of my neighbors with houses along Albemarle Sound and in Kitty Hawk really suffered major flood damage. At least the power stayed on for most of us on this island. Regards, Calvin A. Glover, Jr., Kill Devil Hills, NC (via Mike Bugaj, WTFDA via DXLD)

RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM

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## POWER LINE NOISE

For the past few months, I have experienced terrible power-line noise affecting the entire spectrum from the BCB up to the 10 meter amateur band. Late in July I finally contacted my local power company (AEP-PSO) for help. They were prompt in replying and appreciative of the 10-15 second recordings I made of the noise at various frequencies. Literally the day a power company representative called to ask more questions, the noise disappeared. It was likely due to the previous few days of \*glorious\* rain we had. The power company representative, Harry Simpson, asked some very good questions, specifically what frequencies the noise was on, how strong the interference was on the S-meter, what antenna(s) I used and what kind of receiver I used. He gave me his cell phone number and asked me to call if/when the noise returned.

Two weeks passed and this weekend the noise was especially terrible, approaching S9+10 at times. I called Mr. Simpson this morning and was surprised to learn he could be in my neighborhood this afternoon to investigate! Late this afternoon, I received a voice mail from him. He found not one, but \*two\* sources of interference 1/4 mile from my house. He has initiated a work order for the hardware repair on both sites and felt that the repairs ordered would resolve my problems. There will be a delay in getting the work done because most AEP-PSO crews are on the way to the east coast to help with the hurricane damage.

I was \*very\* pleased with the response to my RFI complaint and, in particular, Mr. Simpson's knowledge of RFI based on his radio-savvy questions. He showed a genuine interest in getting the situation resolved and obviously knows what RFI is and what it does to radio reception and amateur radio activities. I know some folks have had less than happy experiences dealing with power companies and RFI complaints.

I had to pass along my extremely positive experience and encourage others to contact their local power company for help and keep trying until you contact someone that can help you (Bruce Winkelman AA5C0, Tulsa, OK, Aug 29, ABDX via DXLD)

Bruce, That is great news. Pacific Power here in Clatsop County is also very good. Several times they have helped me get rid of noise. In fact, the last time fooled us all as the noise sounded like terrible powerline noise, only to find it was an arcing electric fence 1 mile down the road. The Pacific Power rep fixed the problem and left a note for the owner in case it happened again. That was going beyond what



they needed to do. Pacific Power is one great company.

Several years ago we had the chance to vote for a PUD [public utility district??] and it went down to defeat easily. The rates may be a bit less, but with most PUDs in OR, when ever there is a power outage, you wait and wait and wait to get the power back on as most PUDs have little manpower and the Pacific Power people are often hired after they get their customers back on [?]. Plus I have found driving around in PUD areas, the powerline noise is often terrible. Great to know you have a good company there too. 73, (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, NRC-AM via DXLD)

I had a totally different experience with the power company when I lived in Lubbock. There was a fierce dust storm at the time, and interference levels were extreme from the power line. I called twice over a period of two days and got treated like I was an idiot. The only way I got any action at all was to call the FCC office in Dallas. The Lubbock power company repaired the problem within a couple of hours after I called the FCC (Bruce Carter, TX, ABDX via DXLD)

I suspect the recordings helped as well as my specific descriptions of the noise and location in the radio spectrum. Also, I made it a point to include my amateur call sign in all my correspondence. RFI to any radio service reported by a user of that service will likely be taken seriously to avoid any FCC issues. The noise is still there this morning but I can deal with it for now, knowing that it's on AEP-PSO's "to-do" list (Bruce Winkelman AA5C0, Tulsa, OK, ibid.)

#### NOISE INTERFERENCE

I have mentioned noise interference before and it still rears its ugly head. A friend of mine was getting line noise from telephone wire near his antenna, so relocated it away from the source only to suffer power line noise shortly afterward from his incoming 220v domestic supply. I loaned him a 20Apm in-line filter which when installed at his consumer (fuse) unit almost eliminated the problem. However it requires to be 80A to cater for full current capabilities for the house so he is trying to source one now.

#### CAR RADIO SELF-INTERFERENCE

My car radio some time ago developed background ėwarblingí toned across medium and long waves, about every 20 kHz, still trying to solve it, something in the engine electronics it seems. Strangely I have heard it on diesel and petrol versions of the Nissan Micra.

#### CAN A STATION LOCK A RADIO ONTO IT?

A very strange phenomenon happens on the same car radio too. If I am listening to Newstalk Radio (ca 106 to 108 MHz) and switch that radio off, the next time it is still on Newstalk as tuned in but I then cannot change it, i.e. trying to select another preset button or manually tuned. It is locked to Newstalk and I have to unlock it by cycling through FM-MW-LW and back to FM again.

I initially thought that the button position had a fault, but putting Newstalk into any other FM button, even from a different frequency, meant it was still locked. Seems that Newstalk are able to transmit some signal with theirs that locks you into their signals! I have so far been unable to get an explanation and never heard anything like it before!

#### RTTY, SSB, DRM ON BROADCAST BANDS

I continue to hear incursions into the shortwave bands by RTTY, fish-fone SSB, data and other signals often on some of the now clear channels since so many broadcasters have left the airwaves. Particularly I note RTTY on 7254, 7274 and 7338 kHz. SSB trawlers are liable to spring up anywhere with their variable frequency selection but usually do not interfere with BC stations. Of course for many years BC stations have operated out-of-band clear frequencies in other sub-bands, mil-air, point-to-point, and other non-broadcast areas under a non-interference basis. However I wish that the wideband DRM transmissions were given their own sub-bands to play in. DRM seems to be dying a death, just like single-sideband reduced carrier mode of some years ago (HCJB and a few others used it for a while). Nothing like a well modulated clean AM signal on a clear frequency (all: Des Walsh, Ireland, Sept World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

#### COMO IDENTIFICAR O TIPO DE TRANSMISSÃO DE DADOS VIA RÁDIO?

Dentre outros, no site da UDXF há um banco de dados muito interessante nesse aspecto, veja:

<http://www.nonstopsystems.com/radio/radio-sounds.html>

Neste site você encontra também "samples" mp3 de modos e (o que é interessante), de sons de interferências (QRM), como TV de plasma, LCD, PLC e outros:

<http://www.iarums-r1.org/iarums/sound/main.html>

Forte 73 (Fabricio PP5002SWL Silva, Tubarão - SC, 29 Aug, radioescutasyg via DXLD)

#### CODAR RADAR ON 24 MHZ STOPPED

Southgate August 25, 2011

The Codar HF Radar on 24920 - 25080 kHz from Northern Italy has been stopped. A further example for an effective cooperation!

Many thanks to DJ9KR, G4BOH and 9A5W for assistance and of course grateful words to the British PTT (OFCOM) and the German PTT (BNetzA) for excellent bearings and help.

We will observe this band daily in the future, hoping that the Radar will not come back again.

DK2OM

Coordinator IARUMS Region 1

[http://www.southgatearc.org/news/august2011/codar\\_radar\\_on\\_24mhz\\_stopped.htm](http://www.southgatearc.org/news/august2011/codar_radar_on_24mhz_stopped.htm)  
(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

GPS JAMMING EXERCISES: See U K

TOWER JUMPING [Finland]

Southgate August 26, 2011

The tower at the Amateur Radio station OH8X is 330 feet high but it's not just used for transmitting, people jump from it as well.

Radio Arcala, OH8X, is a team of amateur radio operators dedicating their best efforts to novel areas of their avocation. Their home base is located in the middle of nowhere near the Arctic Circle. There you can find a pretty massive antenna array, one of a kind.

Total height 100m (330ft)

Total weight 39,000kg (80,000lbs)

Antennas 1.8MHz 3-el & 3.5MHz 5-el yagis

Boom lengths 71m (215ft) & 60m (200ft)

One midsummer weekend three lucky men received permission to use the antenna tower for something completely different.

Base jumping at Radio Arcala is strictly forbidden without permission.

Watch Radio Arcala base jump

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AS3fQtSKCTw>

OH8X

<http://radioarcala.com/>

[http://www.southgatearc.org/news/august2011/jumping\\_from\\_the\\_oh8x\\_tower.htm](http://www.southgatearc.org/news/august2011/jumping_from_the_oh8x_tower.htm)  
(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

PROPAGATION see also DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DTV  
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## SUNSPOT BREAKTHROUGH

NASA Science News for August 25, 2011

A new breakthrough in sunspot detection could provide days of extra early warning for strong solar storms. FULL STORY at [http://science.nasa.gov/science-news/science-at-nasa/2011/25aug\\_sunspotbreakthrough/](http://science.nasa.gov/science-news/science-at-nasa/2011/25aug_sunspotbreakthrough/)  
(via Mike Terry, Horacio Nigro, dxldyg via DXLD)

## PROPAGATION OUTLOOK FROM PRAGUE

ONDREJOV : Weekly Forecasts Bulletin Geomagnetic activity forecast

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Solar-activity forecast for the period Aug 26 - Sep 1, 2011

Activity level: very low to low  
Radio flux (10.7 cm): a fluctuation in the range 110-85 f.u.  
Flares: weak (3-12/day)  
Relative sunspot number: in the range 30-65

Astronomical Institute, Solar Dept., Ondrejov, Czech Republic  
e-mail: sunwatch(at) asu.cas.cz  
(RWC Prague)

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Geomagnetic activity forecast for the period Aug 26 to Sep 1, 2011

quiet: Aug 26, 30, 31 and Sep1  
quiet to unsettled: Aug 29  
unsettled: Aug 27 and 28  
active: 0  
minor storm: 0  
major storm: 0  
severe storm: 0

Geomagnetic activity summary:  
geomagnetic field was quiet from Aug 18 to 22,  
quiet to unsettled on Aug 24, unsettled on Aug 23.

RWC Prague, Geophysical Institute Prague, Geomagnetic Dept,  
Czech Republic  
e-mail: geom(at)ig.cas. cz

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## Geomagnetic activity forecast for the period of one solar rotation

Geomagnetic field during the following solar rotation should be:

quiet: Aug 29 - 30, Sep 5 - 6, 8 - 9, 13 - 15, 17

mostly quiet: Aug 28, Sep 3, 7, 12, 16, 18, 20

quiet to unsettled: Aug 27, 31, Sep 4, 11

quiet to active: Aug 26, Sep 19

quiet to minor storm: Sep 2, 10

quiet to major storm: Sep 1

mostly unsettled: -

unsettled to active: -

unsettled to minor storm: -

active to minor storm: -

active to major storm: -

minor to major storm: -

Survey: quiet: Aug 18 - 19, 21,

mostly quiet: Aug 20, 23

quiet to unsettled: Aug 16 - 17, 22

quiet to active: Aug 23

quiet to minor storm: -

quiet to major storm: -

mostly unsettled: -

unsettled to active: -

unsettled to minor storm: -

active to minor storm: -

active to major storm: -

minor to major storm: -

## Notices:

High probability of changes in solar wind which may caused changes in magnetosphere and ionosphere is expected about Aug 26, 31, Sep (8 - 10,) 11 (- 12), 18.

Days in brackets refer to a lower probability of possible activity enhancements depending on previous development on the Sun.

F. K. Janda (OK1HH), Czech Propagation Interested Group; e-mail: ok1hh(at)rsys. cz (via Dario Monferini, Aug 25, playdx yg via DXLD)

## CYCLE 24 LETHARGIC

Do you think Cycle 24 is weaker and still progressing slower than previous solar cycles? You are correct. For a comparison of Cycles 21, 22, 23 and 24, check

<http://www.solen.info/solar/cyclcomp.html>

(QST de W1AW, Propagation Forecast Bulletin 34 ARLP034, From Tad Cook,

K7RA, Seattle, WA August 26, 2011, To all radio amateurs, via Dave Raycroft, ODXA yg via DXLD)

Are HF conditions improving at last?

In the last few weeks whilst monitoring 25 MHz and above I have noticed that signals are propagating more often on these higher frequencies. They are still very variable not only from day to day , but during the course of each day too. Even the 21 MHz band varies quite a lot.

Radio Maria 26.0 MHz is heard about every second day for a little time with weak ca S2 signals at most, no DRM lately though. The 26.1 to 26.95 MHz band has some strong patterns of tone and/or digital signals on a number of frequencies: 26.135, 26.2, 26.35, 26.45, 26.635, 26.935 MHz and other frequencies. There seem to be multiple transmitters on these frequencies but I do not know their location or use, maybe paging.

Of course CBers are to be found all over the place when conditions improve, from 25.635 MHz up to the edge of the 28 MHz amateur band and even a few channels around 28.4 MHz. Most are AM with the usual beep at end of transmission (Des Walsh, Ireland, Sept World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

Geomagnetic field activity was at quiet to unsettled levels on 22 - 25 August due to a weak coronal hole high speed stream (CH HSS). Activity decreased to mostly quiet levels for the remainder of the period.

#### FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 31 AUGUST-26 SEPTEMBER 2011

Solar activity is expected to be very low to low throughout the forecast period. No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit. The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at normal to moderate levels from 31 August - 03 September. The flux is expected to increase to moderate to high levels during 04 - 09 September due to CH HSS effects. Normal to moderate flux levels are expected during 10 - 11 September. A return to moderate to high flux levels is expected on 13 - 14 September following a second CH HSS. Normal to moderate levels are expected from 15 - 25 September. Moderate to high flux levels are expected on 26 September due to effects of another CH HSS. Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at mostly quiet levels during 31 August - 02 September. Activity is expected to increase to quiet to unsettled levels, with isolated active periods, during 03 - 05 September as a CH HSS disturbs the field. Quiet levels are forecast for 06 - 10 September. An increase to quiet to unsettled levels is expected during 11 - 12 September due to another CH HSS. Predominately quiet levels

are expected for the remainder of the period with the exception of 18  
- 19 September and 24 - 25 September, when quiet to unsettled levels  
are expected due to recurrent CH HSS effects.

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:Issued: 2011 Aug 30 1656 UTC

# Prepared by the US Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, Space Weather Prediction  
Center

# Product description and SWPC contact on the Web

# <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/wwire.html>

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# 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table

# Issued 2011-08-30

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| # | UTC         | Radio Flux | Planetary | Largest  |
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|   | 2011 Aug 31 | 95         | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2011 Sep 01 | 95         | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2011 Sep 02 | 95         | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2011 Sep 03 | 95         | 10        | 3        |
|   | 2011 Sep 04 | 95         | 8         | 3        |
|   | 2011 Sep 05 | 95         | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2011 Sep 06 | 92         | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2011 Sep 07 | 86         | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2011 Sep 08 | 85         | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2011 Sep 09 | 85         | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2011 Sep 10 | 90         | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2011 Sep 11 | 92         | 8         | 3        |
|   | 2011 Sep 12 | 95         | 12        | 3        |
|   | 2011 Sep 13 | 100        | 8         | 3        |
|   | 2011 Sep 14 | 100        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2011 Sep 15 | 100        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2011 Sep 16 | 103        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2011 Sep 17 | 103        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2011 Sep 18 | 105        | 7         | 2        |
|   | 2011 Sep 19 | 105        | 7         | 2        |
|   | 2011 Sep 20 | 105        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2011 Sep 21 | 105        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2011 Sep 22 | 105        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2011 Sep 23 | 103        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2011 Sep 24 | 100        | 7         | 2        |
|   | 2011 Sep 25 | 100        | 7         | 2        |
|   | 2011 Sep 26 | 98         | 5         | 2        |

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